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Ottawa Jews and Arabs invited to seek common ground through film event

By Gabriella Goliger

Israelis and Palestinians may never agree on how to view the past, but they can agree on a vision for the future.

This was the surprising premise that inspired a groundbreaking TV series, *The Shape of the Future*, simulcast on Palestinian, Israeli and Arab television stations last summer.

Episodes from this series will be shown in Ottawa January 18 and 25, in an event designed to build understanding and dialogue among members of this city's Arab and Jewish communities.

The two-part event, sponsored by a local Jewish-Arab discussion group called Potlucks for Peace, will feature public viewings of the films, along with an appearance

by the director on the first night and a panel discussion moderated by Ed Broadbent, on the second. There will also be time for comments from the audience.

Filed at the height of the second Intifada, *The Shape of the Future* is the brainchild of John Marks, an American documentary maker. He is also founder/president of a conflict resolution orga-

nization called Search for Common Ground, based in Washington, DC, and Brussels, Belgium.

In an interview with the *OJB*, Marks said his film project is unique for a number of reasons: it was made in both Hebrew and Arabic (as well as English) versions; it gives both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict an equal voice; and it shows no violence or historical footage, focussing on potential solutions



Film director John Marks will attend the screening.

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The doll-makers: For the past two years, Beverley Weiner (left) and Virginia Stupp have been busily knitting dolls for the children of CHEO. See story on page 17. (OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

Carleton University establishes Jewish Studies Centre

By Benita Baker

For almost 10 years Aviva Freedman aspired to establish a Jewish Studies Centre at Carleton University. The linguistics professor and former dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences knew that scholars throughout the university, in areas as diverse as psychology, mass communication, literature and film studies, were doing active research in Jewish studies.

She envisioned a setting where these academics could share their research and their ideas on all aspects of Jewish civilization, history, culture and classical Jewish texts.

That dream is now a reality. Carleton University officially launched the Centre for Jewish Studies and Research on October 27 to coincide with Holocaust Education Week.

It's well-attended inaugural program brought together scholars from the departments of journalism, history, film studies, English literature and French literature for a roundtable discussion of their Holocaust research projects.

Although Carleton's Department of Religion offers a Jewish Studies program, the number of courses offered are limited

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Twenty-seven faculty members do Jewish-related research

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because there is currently only one full-time faculty member. When Freedman began canvassing her colleagues about their interest in establishing a research centre, she encountered a diverse and enthusiastic group keen on participating.

"It is actually quite stunning, the number of people who are involved," she said. "It's just an embarrassment of riches."

Through word of mouth, Freedman learned of 27 faculty members, not all Jewish, who were actively involved in Jewish-related research and who were all interested in becoming members of the centre:

A film studies professor exploring Jewish influences on the American film industry.

An English literature professor examining Jewish satire.

A psychologist studying how the brain responds to anti-Semitism.

A social worker analyzing the economic and social conditions of the Canadian Jewish community.

A French professor studying cultural and intellectual resistance to the Holocaust.

"I was dumbfounded," Freedman said. "What was particularly striking about this for me was that the peo-

ple who were doing it were an extraordinary mix of senior scholars, some very distinguished I might add, and very junior scholars who are really just beginning their research."

What Freedman also discovered is that most researchers did not know each other or know that they were doing related work.

The Jewish Studies Research Centre will allow them to share their work and ideas with each other and with the public. The centre also strives to offer interest courses to the community-at-large, to bring in guest lecturers and to host major conferences.

"This new centre will create a venue for collaborative research across Car-

leton, with other universities, and even with colleagues from other countries," Freedman said.

[The centre] will educate Carleton's general student population about Jewish issues. This is especially important since the university's premier schools ... are the disciplines which prepare future policy makers and influencers.

Freedman has high expectations for the centre. She sees it acquiring a level of prominence within the academic milieu that will attract like-minded re-

searchers, students from other communities and keep local Jewish students in Ottawa.

Moreover, it will educate Carleton's general student population about Jewish issues. This is especially important since the university's premier schools -

journalism, public affairs and international affairs - are the disciplines which prepare future policy makers and influencers.

Freedman is co-directing the centre with Marla Segol, a religion professor. In addition to the research fellows, there is an advisory board that consists of faculty members as well as community members, including Maxine Miska from the SJCC and Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

From the outset, Carleton demonstrated its strong support for the Jewish Studies Centre. The proposal was championed by Feridun Hamdullahpur, vice-president (research and international) and sailed through the required three

levels of approval. The university's development office has committed not only to raising the funds necessary to expand the centre, but also to matching all money donated.

"It is a great honour that the university is giving us this priority," said Freedman.

While the centre's first two programs focused on the Holocaust (the second one took place on the anniversary of Kristallnacht), successive events will cover a wider subject spectrum.

More information about the Jewish Studies Centre and upcoming events is available at <http://www.carleton.ca/jewishstudies/index.html>.

Create common ground locally is film's vision

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rather than past grievances.

"It's possible to find agreements that don't threaten the national existence of either people," Marks said. "Both sides could get most of what they want. Not 100 per cent, but most."

In the films, Israelis and Palestinians talk frankly about the tough issues: security, settlements, Jerusalem, refugees. The interviewees are primarily people who might be considered in the middle or even the

right of the spectrum.

Thus, one segment shows Yacov Perry, a former director of the Shin Bet, and Zuhair Mansara, a former director of the Preventive Security Agency on the West Bank.

Another segment features Israeli journalist Ze'ev Schiff and Palestinian journalist Dr. Nabil Khatib.

Other participants include Palestinians living in refugee camps, Jewish settlers, high-ranking Israeli and Palestinian officers, and religious leaders

from both peoples.

Through skillful editing, the participants appear to challenge and respond to one another, but they were never actually in the same room.

"If you bring Israelis and Palestinians together, they argue," Marks said. "Especially with TV cameras rolling."

He therefore preferred to create a "virtual" dialogue, through cross-cutting techniques. The participants do not minimize the difficulties, but they show willingness to compromise. And sometimes they echo one another's hopes and fears almost word for word.

According to Marks, the main obstacle to peace has

been the political leadership on both sides. He is heartened, however, by recent developments such as the Gaza pullout and the changes in the Israeli and Palestinian political landscape.

The organizers of the Ottawa event hope that the film showings and discussions will create common ground locally.

"It's important to come to an understanding of the others' concerns," says Allan Moscovitch, a Carleton University professor and Jewish member of Potlucks for Peace.

"It's complicated, but dialogue is possible both here and there [in the Middle East]."

Tyseer Aboulnasr, a University of Ottawa professor and an Arab member of the group, says, "Sad as the situation is, it is not hopeless. There are level-headed people on both sides trying to find a solution."

Lawrence Greenspon is host on January 18 and Dr. Qais Ghanem on January 25. Both events take place at the Library and Archives Canada auditorium, 395 Wellington Street at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00.

For more details see: www.potlucksforpeace.ca.

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(Rabbi Mordechai Berger, Young Israel Congregation)

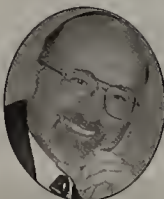


We are profoundly connected to Israel, and deeply committed to assuring that Israel flourishes in every aspect including the social, education, medical, technological, etc. In truth, as much as Israel welcomes our input and support, it is we who are more in need than they.

They are already carrying a tremendous load, and are pushing forward on many frontiers. It is so vital that we are a part of this, that we are connected to Israel.

Israel, after all, binds us all together, and plays a major part in establishing the community firmament. We need Israel even more than Israel needs us.

(Rabbi Reuven Bulka – Machzeiki Hadas)



There are three primary values which serve as the basis for our Jewish commitment to social justice. Reform Judaism teaches that all human beings have an inherent dignity, derived from the belief that we are all made in the image of God. Reform Judaism teaches that the concept of wealth as lent by God in a trust relationship requires sharing with the less fortunate. Reform Judaism teaches that it is the obligation of all Jews to pursue justice, righteousness and "darchei shalom (paths of peace)." Our tradition has through the sacred texts of Tanach dictated specific values, not specific answers to questions of poverty, persecution, injustice and "stewardship" of the environment. The means by which we actualize these values is called Tzedakah.

(Rabbi Steven H. Garten, Temple Israel)



As human beings, on one hand we are determined to develop our sense of individuality. Yet we are also the most social of creatures searching for the validation and acceptance by others. Never content to merely be ourselves, we group by profession, class, nationality and other providers of a self-definition that transcends the personal.

Although this paradox of individuality and community is at the heart of who and what we are, the sage-Hillel makes it clear by saying, "If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I?" that this tension between these two strivings is a necessary and desirable component of our mission to make this world a better place to live in.

(Rabbi Menachem M. Blum, Ottawa Torah Center Chabad Congregation)



Charity, or Tzedakah, in Jewish law is not simply philanthropy. It is a recognition that Hashem has blessed certain individuals with the ability to alleviate the plight of those less fortunate. Our reaching out to the other establishes our link to those around us. It is that link which then brings us to the concept of community, on a local, national and international level.

(Rabbi Howard Finkelstein, Beth Shalom West)



We, too, can pursue tzedeq in our own lives. When we conduct our relationships in upright and equitable ways, when we demonstrate our responsibility to others, and when we support Israel, we, too, contribute to the establishment of a world filled with tzedeq.

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Barrhaven outreach leads to the building of a synagogue

By Bob Dale
Mendel Blum never intended to start a synagogue on the outskirts of town.

All Rabbi Blum wanted to do was to reach out to the hundreds of Jewish households in the outermost suburbs that weren't connecting with Ottawa's Jewish community.

When he began his outreach work, he explains, a typical household in those suburbs had one or more members who worked downtown all day before returning home to their spouses and young children.

For High Holidays, many went back to their hometowns to visit their

parents. There was little time to link up with other Jews here in Ottawa, and no vehicle either.

Rabbi Blum studied the demographics, and saw several potential opportunities: areas where a young, energetic guy like him might be able to make an impact.

Realizing that Barrhaven had many more Jewish households than other neighbourhoods, as well as a greater concentration of Jewish families, he decided to focus on that area while confining to reach out to Jews in Kanata and other parts of Nepean.

Based on his philosophy that "you can't wait for people to come to you, but have to go out to them," he and his wife Dina bought a home in a new part of the expanding subdivision.

He remembers his first year's High Holiday services. He decided to present Judaism in as non-threatening a way as possible, because he knew that

some people might be intimidated by the sight of a bearded Chabadnik wearing a black hat and long black coat.

Rabbi Blum sought to overcome any initial reluctance by renting space in the Walter Baker Centre, a sports facility that many members of his target audience already used.

He also designed a "user friendly" service that enabled him to provide commentary to congregants, many of whom he suspected were largely unfamiliar with the High Holiday service.

Thirty people attended. Based on their experience, many told Rabbi Blum that they wanted a lot more of what he was offering.

He decided to start a one-a-month Shabbat service, and sent out postcards inviting people to attend. He also spends a lot of time on the phone trying to drum up interest. The first service, held in the dining room of his and Dina's



Rabbi Mendel Blum

home, attracted a *minyan* and generated requests for additional services, classes, and related Jewish programming.

That programming – much of it directed at making Judaism "fun" (for example, through learning how to make a *shofar* or bake *matzah*) – soon followed.

The Blums began to invite families over for Shabbat meals, and encouraged them and others to light Shabbat candles and adopt additional Jewish practices. All this was (and

still is) done, in Rabbi Blum's own words, "in a non-judgemental way, where people of all backgrounds are welcomed."

The rest, as they say, is history. Eight years have gone by, and Rabbi Blum now operates out of a storefront on Cedarview Road. He holds weekly Shabbat services there, and offers children's activities and adult-oriented courses on other days.

The Ottawa Torah Center, as his organization is now called, attracted some 250 people from Barrhaven and other parts of Nepean to this past year's High Holiday Services. A highlight, as usual, was the annual distribution of a "pledge card" to congregants, who use them to "pledge" to perform additional *mitzvahs* over the coming year.

The OTC even had services this past *Succot*, no small accomplishment given that the four holiday days occurred on regular workdays.

The next step, says Rabbi Blum, is to build a synagogue, instead of operating in rented quarters. Actually, that's not exactly what Rabbi Blum says: he prefers to call the proposed building, whose construction will soon begin, an "outreach centre."

It will enable him to offer even more programming to meet the needs of outer Nepean's growing Jewish community.

Rabbi Blum is obviously delighted with the way things have turned out, and pleased with the high level of support he has got from Ottawa's broader Jewish community and its leadership.

He looked tired when I interviewed him, and told me that he had two other OTC-related meetings on his schedule for that day. But he wasn't complaining, not in the least.

"It's a lot of work," said Rabbi Blum, "but it's what's going to ensure a Jewish tomorrow."

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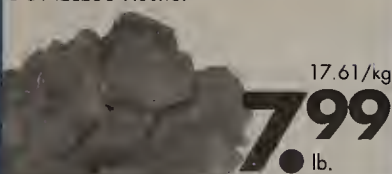
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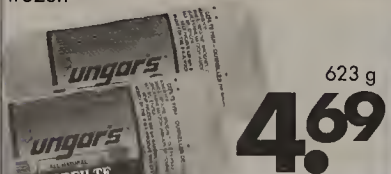
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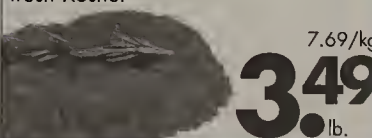
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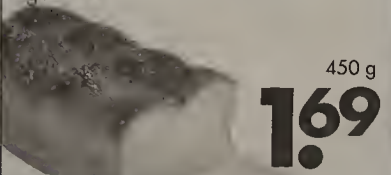
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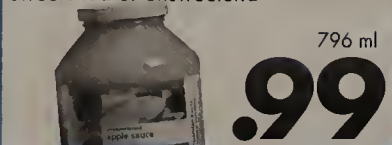
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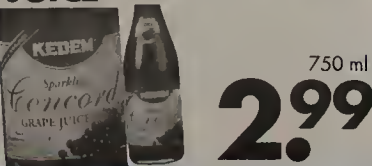
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In the late 1980s or early 1990s, I chaired a Jewish Community Centre committee that oversaw a program called Partners of Two Backgrounds.

Once every couple of months, up to 10 inter-married couples got together and discussed issues of common concern.

I attended a few of these sessions and was touched by the difficulties these people were facing, especially at Chanukah and Christmas time.

I recall going back to the Board to ask that we publicize this program in the *Bulletin* to encourage more inter-married couples to attend.

The response that I got back was negative and eventually the program disappeared.

Fast forward to late 2005 and an Ottawa Jewish community census report tells us of significantly increased rates of



Federation Report

Ron Prehogan
Chair

intermarriage and disaffiliation between 1991 and 2001.

Also, in late 2005 many of us from Ottawa attend the General Assembly of North American Federations in Toronto where one of the main themes is the growing disconnect between young people in their 20s and 30s and the organized Jewish community.

Young speakers tell us how we, as Jewish leaders, talk in our own language, but fail to communicate in a way that has any meaning to them.

They look for a "voice of substance, of relevance," they hope to hear our passion, but instead they are left disappointed.

They say that they don't want us to "program" or "market" to them, or for

us to tell them how important Israel is or should be.

What they want is to engage in a mature and healthy discussion rather than be lectured to.

One week later, we hold the first-ever federation members meeting in Ottawa. I talk about a plan that I have to hold a community town hall meeting next year where every member of our community can have the opportunity to engage in a conversation about where we should be going.

One 50-something member gets up and effectively says, "Why bother with that? We all know that the answer lies in Jewish education, so let's get on with it."

To which a 20-something member gets up and effectively says, "Maybe the answer is clear to you, but I had a Jewish education in Ottawa and I am struggling to find myself as a Jew as most of the other Jewish people I know."

While the solutions are not clear, as community leaders we must recognize what is going on and resolve to address the problem in a sensitive, proper and respectful manner, which takes into

account the needs and interests of a broad spectrum of our population.

This will be done through a properly researched, professionally facilitated and privately funded community town hall retreat, the details of which will follow in upcoming issues of the *Bulletin* once our plans take more shape.

In his book *The Jewish Way*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg writes: "The further lesson of Hanukkah (as Purim) is not to write off assimilating Jews. In a show-down (as in 1967 and 1973), many more Jews will be with the cause of Jewish survival than appears on the surface."

"A coalition of traditional, acculturating, and assimilating Jews pulled off the Maccabee miracle. What is needed is a coalition and symbiosis of traditional Jews, modernizing Jews, and those assimilating Jews who can still be reached. The real task is to begin the 'guerrilla warfare' that weans people from their excessive absorption in the status quo and liberates them for authentic Jewish existence."

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and thoughtful Chanukah.

Chanukah teaches us the power of being united

Chanukah is supposed to be a time when we can come together and celebrate our faith together as Jews. The true gift of the holiday is of Jewish unity and a hope for world unity.

Unity is a hallmark of Jewish history, but it is mostly recognized for its failure. At the time of the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem, the sages agreed that unwarranted hatred (*Sinat Chinam*) was the spiritual cause of that destruction.

And 2,000 years later, we still have not rectified this problem.

It is clear throughout our history that the Jewish people are only successful and powerful when they have unity.

Today, with the rise of anti-Semitism and assimilation, it is imperative that we sit with one another and talk and work things out. Now is the time for all Jewish communities to make the extra effort to settle conflicts and make peace with others.

An important aspect of the story of Chanukah is based on the miracle called *mesirat nefesh* (self sacrifice). The Jews fought a seemingly unwinnable war and yet managed to win.

It is believed that as the Jews went beyond the call of duty, so did God by giving us the miracle of the lights.

God went beyond the call of duty by providing them with a vessel of oil that



From the pulpit

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was pure, and then as a symbol of their extra effort. He caused the oil to stay lit for much longer than it should have.

Chanukah has the potential to be a catalyst for the realization of our dreams of unity. The lights are not only a remembrance of the military victory, but are also a symbol of the Menorah that stood in the Temple. They represent the potential for a true peace for all and a return to Jerusalem with a united people with no fear of violence.

When you light the flames, you can have in your heart a prayer for the unity of the Jewish people and redemption for the world. Through our unity, we can unite the world in peace and harmony for all Jews and Gentiles alike.

You can be righteous by fulfilling the letter of the law, but in order to really have a close relationship with the Almighty, you have to connect with the spirit of the law, which is our relationship to others.

Why does God command us to love our fellow man? One reason is because He wants what's best for every one of His creations, and love is a universal pleasure to give and to receive. It actually is often a greater pleasure to give.

Being kind to others is our way of bettering ourselves and bettering the world.

We need to stop seeing the world through the eyes of Me, and now focus on We. The North American Jewish community needs to put the We back into the ideals of Chanukah and help build something out of joy rather than reaction to fear and sadness.

If our heart is in the right place, it can

happen. When we take this time of year to look deeper into the hearts of others, we can find good and make something better. Through unity of spirit, we begin to create unity of all.

Let us all pledge this Chanukah to unite in spirit and to build something great here in our country and our world for all to take pleasure in and to pass on to the next generation.

As we approach the darkest time of the year, let the lights of our Menorah be a light of friendship to all who enter our grounds. Through this unity, we can rekindle the flames in all our hearts and truly make a peaceful year.

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'Anti-trustee' meeting promises more openness

With apologies to Bob Dylan, "the times, they are a changin'" could very easily have been the theme of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's first-ever community-wide meeting.

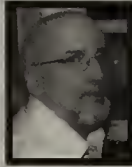
It was certainly a less formal affair than many are used to.

"An anti-trustee meeting," Federation Chair Ron Prehogan calls it. The days of top down governance have become a thing of the past, to be replaced, according to Prehogan, with a governance structure based on community feedback.

"This is a new era, starting tonight. We want more feedback; it is the beginning of going out into the community. You will be seeing a lot more of that."

The days of rubber-stamping may be over. Under the new structure, five committees – Finance, Audit and Administration; Jewish Identity and Responsibility; Communications and Community Relations; Financial Resource Development; and Planning and Allocations – work on projects and then send them to the JFO Board. Each chair of the committee is a member of the board.

"The concept is that these committees [made up of between six to eight people] are making decisions and bringing those decisions to the board for ratification. Absent of something absolutely horrendous happening, for the most part, the recommendations will be accepted," Prehogan promises.



Editor

Barry Fishman

His vision is to run the meetings as if it was "a Jewish shareholders meeting," where people are told what is going on in the community, what the board sees ahead and are invited to comment and make suggestions.

If the first meeting is any indication, he may be on to something. Unlike previous meetings, a larger-than-usual audience asked and commented on many of the items on the agenda.

Of particular interest was the discussion led by Allan Moscovitch, chair of the Planning and Allocations committee, on the results of the 2001 census report. What was especially alarming to many was the rapid increase in intermarriage and non-affiliation.

It made for a lively debate. The discussion ranged from the importance of funding and supporting Jewish education to questions on what can be done to better reach the intermarried and the younger generation. Some thought the decision to hire the Jewish Outreach Institute was a good idea; others were

not so sure, instead calling for immediate action.

A former Jewish day school 20-something member of the audience noted the high cost of being Jewish and the feeling he sometimes felt synagogues and other institutions were more interested in his money than him.

As part of the move to get people more involved, in the next 18 months, the Federation is planning a special privately funded town hall meeting where, hopefully, all members of the community will be able to both express their view and give ideas on the direction they would like the community to go in.

Without a doubt, the new Federation is more open and transparent. So, will this new form of 'bottom up' governance work?

It all depends on us. If we supply our leadership with feedback, make positive suggestions on how to improve the community and, more importantly, make an effort to get involved, only then will the new Federation work for everyone.

The ball is in our court.

Disinvestment movement

The disinvestment movement by some Protestant churches in North America is still alive and well, according to Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

The rabbi recently held a press conference

in Ottawa with religious leaders and victims of terror to denounce the campaign, led by the Sabeel Center Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, a Protestant Christian organization in Jerusalem, to de-legitimize the existence of the Jewish homeland.

In a faxed letter to the rabbi, Wendy Gichur, the United Church of Canada, program co-ordinator, East and Central Africa and the Middle East, says the United Church of Canada supports the continued existence of Israel "as a secure and safe homeland for all peoples residing there, recognizing its uniquely Jewish character." The church has called for Israel to cease construction of the security fence or, as they call it, the "Separation Wall" within Palestinian territory, "that restricts the development of a Palestinian state and significantly disrupts Palestinian life."

The disinvestment issue, in all likelihood, will be discussed at the United Church General conference to be held in August 2006 in Thunder Bay. We will have more on this story in future editions of the *Bulletin*.

We will also continue to cover the community's response to the latest census report and introduce you to some of the not-so-well-known interesting folks who make up our community. We hope you have enjoyed the community-wide *Bulletin* and become regular readers. Happy Chanukah!

Capturing the Jewish vote ... one riding at a time

Spare a sympathetic thought this season for those poor politicians, slogging through sleet, snow and slush to solicit your support.

Spare an extra-special sympathetic thought for candidates in the northern riding of Kenora – the largest in area, the most sparsely populated, and possibly the coldest riding in all of Ontario. A winter campaign in Kenora truly must be a slog.

But if there's one thing a candidate in Kenora does not have to worry about, it's this: The Jewish vote.

According to the latest census figures, Kenora – all 321,716-square kilometers of it – has a Jewish population of exactly 10 people.

If they can't form a substantial voting bloc, at least they can form a minyan.

So, where – if anywhere – will the Jewish vote have an impact on the Great Canadian Chanukah Campaign of 5766?

There are 106 federal ridings here in Ontario, where much of the electoral action will take place. Of all those ridings, only four – all in the Greater Toronto Area – have per capita Jewish populations greater than 10 per cent.

The Ontario riding with the greatest percentage of Jewish residents is Thornhill, north of Toronto, which is 36.6 per cent Jewish.

Thornhill is followed by three neighbouring ridings in North Toronto: York Centre



Alan Echenberg

(24.4 per cent); Eglinton-Lawrence (23.2 per cent); and St. Paul's (14.0 per cent). Another five Toronto-area ridings have Jewish populations of between three and nine per cent.

Rounding out the Top Ten Jewish ridings in Ontario is a hometown fave:

Ottawa West – Nepean, with a Jewish population of 2,750 people (2.5 per cent of the riding).

Clearly, Ontario's Jewish vote is concentrated in a handful of ridings.

The province as a whole is 1.7 per cent Jewish and only 13 Ontario ridings have per capita Jewish populations greater than that.

The top 10 Jewish ridings in Ontario are all urban-area ridings. No surprise there: It's been a couple of generations since small-town Canada had a significant Jewish population.

Another similarity: The 10 ridings all elected Liberal MPs last time around (and going back at least four elections). Of course, most federal ridings in Ontario –

especially in urban areas – have elected Liberals since 1993.

But the Top Ten J.R.O. includes some of the safest Liberal seats in the entire province. In the 2004 election, eight of those 10 ridings elected Liberal candidates with more than 50 per cent of the vote.

Indeed, the Jewish community's loyalty to the Liberal Party of Canada is famous. Montreal's significantly Jewish riding of Mount Royal sent Pierre Trudeau to the House of Commons over and over again. Last year, Justice Minister Irwin Cotler won that same riding with 75.7 per cent of the vote – a below-average result for a Mount Royal Liberal candidate.

That loyalty has been a source of frustration for the Conservative Party, which has been putting forward policies it hopes will capture the votes of Jewish and other minority communities.

The Conservatives, for example, believe they have been far more pro-Israel than any other political party; a position they obviously hope will win them more Jewish votes.

Conservatives have also been candid about their belief that the party's opposition to same-sex marriage will translate into more votes from ethnic and religious communities.

But where the Jewish community is concerned, Conservatives may be barking up

the wrong tree on that issue. A 2004 survey of religious groups by University of Lethbridge sociologist Reginald Bibby shows that 64 per cent of Canadian Jews approved of same-sex marriage – second only to Buddhists (at 78 per cent).

That being said, there are a couple of Top Ten ridings in which the Liberals may face a difficult battle this election. In Trinity-Spadina (AKA downtown Toronto), where Jews make up 4.24 per cent of the population, the NDP has high hopes for its candidate, Olivia Chow – wife of party leader Jack Layton.

And in Ottawa West – Nepean, where longtime Liberal incumbent Marlene Catterall is retiring, the Conservatives are running a star candidate: former Ontario cabinet minister John Baird.

Ironically, both of these ridings also feature Jewish candidates running against the Liberals. Ottawa native Sam Goldstein is running for the Conservatives in Trinity-Spadina and union leader Marlene Rivier, who also heads the Ottawa Modern Jewish School's board of directors, is running for the NDP in Ottawa West – Nepean.

As for Kenora, it's hard to gauge where those 10 votes will go.

Alan Echenberg is the *Parliament Hill* bureau chief for Studio 2, *TVOntario's* nightly current affairs program.

Mailbag

Open letter to the Federation

It is inappropriate for people to state, as has been said to me by influential individuals in Ottawa, that schools have to raise their own money to support those who are in need, be it financially or educationally.

Nor should it be only the motto of schools in Ottawa to state as their mission that they would never deny any Jewish student entry into their program for lack of financial ability to pay.

It should be the Federation of Ottawa that make that statement its mandate,

goal and purpose.

Schools work from limited resources and have limited contacts. Schools do not have the power base from which to draw funds needed to support Jewish education especially for those who have special educational needs. Schools are further restricted in their ability to raise funds because of the time period allowed to them to raise needed monies as set down by the Multiple Appeals Committee.

Our schools in this community operate from large

deficits, and are thus forced to turn away students who would definitely benefit from a Jewish education. No student should be denied entry into a Jewish school.

The rejection of even one student on the basis that the school in question cannot provide the special education needed for that individual is a black mark on the community at large. The community leadership must intervene and ensure that students with special needs will not be rejected because of inadequate funds and programs.

I, therefore, respectfully suggest that the Federation take on the responsibility to establish a fund specifically designed to supply scholarship funds for students who have special educational needs.

This fund could be operated through the Board of Jewish Education, recently re-established, which would allocate funds to applying families on the basis of certified need.

Under this plan, all parents regardless of school selection could benefit, and would answer a need presently unaddressed long term in our community.

The community cannot abrogate its role in perpetuating Jewish education for all those who seek it regardless of their children's education-

al abilities. We dare not allow our schools simply to become elitist institutions only taking in the wealthy and the gifted. We cannot allow our special needs students to become future statistics of those who felt abandoned by their community.

In recent days, we read the results of the 2001 census indicating the huge rate of assimilation, alienation and disenchantment in our community with Jewish institutions and Jewish life. We do not need any more studies to research that which has already been analyzed.

What we need is *Tachlis*, loosely translated as results.

It is forbidden for us to reject any Jewish child for lack of means and learning abilities from attending our schools. But schools and parents cannot do it themselves. Only the Federation can do it.

It would be a wonderful *Kiddush Hashem* (sanctification of Hashem's name) if the Federation would take the lead in establishing this fund and the mechanism to execute it.

When the Vaad Ha'ir changed its mandate to become a Federation, it stated clearly that with the new

structure in place, it would be more receptive to the grass roots of our community.

I believe I speak on the behalf of those countless individuals and families in the Ottawa Jewish community who are frustrated and bewildered at the status quo which denies them access to

Jewish education here. These are the grass roots people we speak of today.

We await your positive response.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein
Rabbi, Beth Shalom West
Judaic Director Yitzhak
Rabin High School

Federation responds to Rabbi Finkelstein's letter

Rabbi Finkelstein writes in his open letter that the Jewish Federation of Ottawa said, "it would be more receptive to the grassroots of our community."

He is correct. The Federation Board wants to engage the community in a dialogue about our future and how we enhance Jewish life in Ottawa. We welcome input and encourage more people to speak up either in the pages of the *Bulletin*, at public meetings or in private discussions.

One of our priorities areas of funding is Jewish schools and we want to ensure that our community gets more children involved in formal Jewish education. Our other funding priorities are programs that assist the vulnerable, programs that strengthen Jewish identity and our support for Israel and world Jewry.

We hope that, through our efforts and the contributions of so many committed organizations and members of the community, we help ensure that we have a vibrant Jewish community in Ottawa for generations to come.

Mitchell Bellman
President, Jewish Federation of Ottawa

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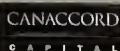
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Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon marks 30th year

This year's Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon is being chaired by the very capable Lori Loeb. The annual city-wide call-fest takes place on Sunday January 22, 10 am - 6 pm from the offices of Arnon Corporation/Ron Engineering, 1801 Woodward Drive.

The Telethon coincides with Tu Bi'Shevat which falls on the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shevat, (usually in January), which traditionally marks the festive New Year of Trees. It is a joyous holiday celebrated by the donating of trees to Israel, the eating of fresh fruits, and the singing of songs and psalms. In Israel, the New Year of Trees has come to symbolize the modern transformation of the desert sand to green fields and forests. What a privilege we have to take part in that vital transformation!

The year 2006 is very special in the history of the Tu Bi'Shevat Telethon in that it marks the 30th anniversary of the Telethon, first introduced in 1976. That first year, Ottavians responded magnificently. They never looked back. Every year since then this community has wholeheartedly and generously supported the cause.

Telethon Chair Loeb is delighted to welcome back former volunteers and looks forward to welcoming new recruits into the fold. Each volunteer is asked to take a two hour stint on the phone making telephone calls to the nicest people, most of whom say YES! to purchasing trees. And, of course, food and drink are provided to keep up each caller's strength.

For anyone wishing to use their purchase to honour someone, the caller will take down all the pertinent information and the JNF office will follow up by sending an attractive card to the recipient. To take part in the 2006 Telethon - and it really is a lot of fun - please call Lori Loeb or the JNF office, 798-2411.

Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah Inscriptions

Mazal Tov and Yasher Koach to the Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrants whose names were inscribed in the Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah on the occasion of their recent simcha: Jorey Cohen by Linda Rossman; and Lianna Sarah Krantzberg, by her parents Leiba and Robert Krantzberg.

On a daily basis you can plant trees for all occasions. An attractive card is sent to the recipient. To order, call the JNF office (798-2411).



Lisa Cogan,
president

Young Israeli film director visits Ottawa, shows latest documentary

By Barry Fishman

Thanks to filmmakers like Eliezer (Laizy) Shapiro and other graduates of the Ma'ale School of Television Film and the Arts, audiences in Israel and around the world are now seeing films and videos that help break down the stereotype many have of religious Jews.

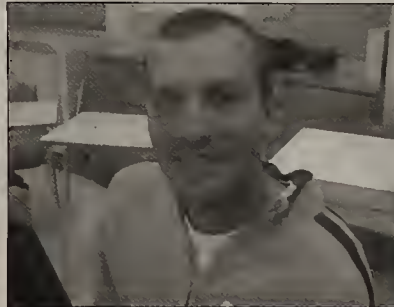
The school is designed to give religious Jews the opportunity to work in film and television and help build bridges between the religious and secular world.

The reactions most have had to the films are positive.

"It's like wow, in a religious society people have dilemmas, people have problems, people have a sense of humour. It's like people are shocked," Shapiro told the *Bulletin* prior to the viewing of two of his films at Congregation Beth Shalom West.

Shapiro was recently in Ottawa as part of a tour of North American cities, including Chicago, Boston and New York, to showcase his films, *Eicha* and *The Last Scene*.

His first film, *Eicha*, which won first prize, Tel Aviv Student Film Festival



Film director Eliezer (Laizy) Shapiro

Israeli Competition 2002, is the story of a religious girl living in a typical West Bank settlement who decides to change her name. She is named after Eicha, the Hebrew title of the biblical scroll of lamentations that is read on Tisha Ba'av, the day of her birthday. The sometime humorous and other time serious story is about her trying to change her name and forging her own identity.

The *Last Scene* is Shapiro's first film since graduating from Ma'ale. The documentary is a film within a film, which follows 75-year-old Menucha as she attempts to recreate, on film, the last time she saw her sister, in a Warsaw train station in the spring of 1935 before departing with the rest of her immediate family to Palestine.

Although he is pleased with the outcome, "making the movie was a long and a painful process," he says.

It was even made more difficult because of the age and health of Menucha, forcing Shapiro to have shorter shooting days.

Menucha's memory of that fateful day in Warsaw did not emerge until after she

ter Mindel [the sister left behind in Poland]. I cry for her and myself."

Although there was tension during the filming, the film works, Shapiro believes, because he was able to make a connection with Menucha that led to her trusting him.

In fact, he said, "If I don't phone her every week, she yells at me."

Although he was worried that Menucha would hate the movie because it exposed her emotional turmoil, he happily reports, "She loved the movie."

Shapiro is now writing a romantic comedy drama about a group of young single religious people living in Jerusalem. He is hoping to sell the pilot as a series to Israeli television. His long-term plan is to direct a feature film.

Shapiro's trip to Ottawa was sponsored by the Embassy of Israel.

Happy Chanukah!

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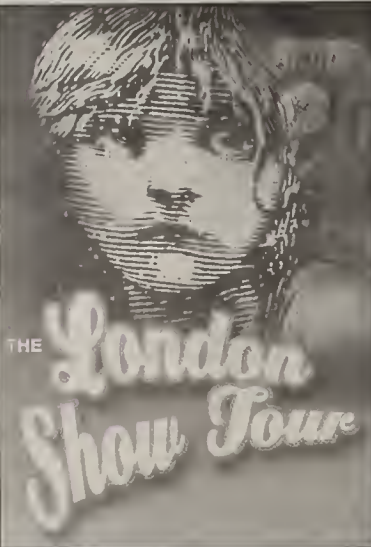
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Frances Rodrigues-Ely (second from right) and members of her extended family at the naming of the building in honour of her parents.
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Daughter honours parents Campus building named Michael & Gertrude Addleman Family Building

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

When she speaks of her parents, of her brothers and sister, of the happy years she spent growing up in Pembroke and Ottawa, Frances Rodrigues-Ely glows.

"I was very lucky," said the youngest, ("I always lie about my age," she admits, "but I'm not far from 90"), and sole surviving sibling of the seven children born to Michael and Gertrude Addleman, "I came from wonderful parents and a very loving family."

Her parents were deeply committed to their Jewish heritage and, recently, Rodrigues-Ely honoured that commitment in perpetuity by endowing 11 Nadolny Sachs Private as 'The Michael & Gertrude Addleman Family Building.'

Family, friends and community leaders attended the ceremony.

Eleven Nadolny Sachs Private is the fourth, and final, Jewish Community Campus building to bear a prominent family name. The compact red brick structure anchoring the northeast corner of the Jewish Community Campus houses Tamir Foundation, the Early Beginnings

Multicultural Child Development Centre, and the local offices of State of Israel Bonds, Na'amat Ottawa and the Jewish National Fund.

"The official dedication of this building has been waiting for many years," said Roger Greenberg, foundation liaison for the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment Campaign. "Frances, you are setting a wonderful example for others to follow."

Michael Addleman arrived in Pembroke around the turn of the century. As soon as his finances permitted, he brought from Russia his adored wife, Gertrude and their two sons, Joseph and James Michael. Five children born in Canada – William, Anne, Abe, Harry and Frances – completed the large, happy family.

Michael Addleman started as a peddler, became a retailer, and ultimately made his fortune in the steel business.

"I had an exceptional Dad," said Rodrigues-Ely.

Her sister-in-law, Marcia Addleman, agreed. She still remembers the patriarch telling her, "My Gertrude was so beautiful I hated to leave her when I had to go

out peddling."

Greenberg credited Marty Davis, former director of the Endowment Campaign, with introducing Rodrigues-Ely to the idea of making a significant contribution to the Ottawa Jewish Community. Davis returned to Israel in August but sent a letter, which Greenberg read aloud. In it, he talked about the history of the Addleman family.

"This is a very special event as it allows us the opportunity to gather some additional insight into the life and times of the Ottawa Jewish Community," Davis wrote.

"Michael and Gertrude Addleman made Pembroke their home at the beginning of the 20th century, made a fortune, moved to Ottawa, lost a fortune during the depression and went back to Pembroke to amass a second fortune before returning to Ottawa for good.

"The Addleman home was the first absorption centre in Pembroke. Through the hospitality, support and efforts of Michael and Gertrude, families such as the Beichermans, Bakers and Taveis found housing and

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JFS offers career guidance workshop for teens and parents

According to the research, 16- to 19-year-olds generally lack the necessary self-knowledge and developmental maturity to make important career decisions.

There is a tendency to greater emphasis on choosing the best university to attend as ranked by the 2005 issue of *Maclean's* magazine than carefully reflecting on those uniquely identifiable strengths which best describe the young adult who, together with his parents, makes the decision.

For teens, understanding and recognizing what they do well and enjoy, together with reflecting on stories of past accomplishments, can be the catalyst toward an insightful and keen awareness of a career path to follow.

In order to assist students who are at the career crossroads, Arthur Karp, MEd, in partnership with Jewish Family Services, has designed a workshop for teens aged 16 to 19,

to assist them in assessing how to plan and choose their career track. Parents will be offered a concurrent session in which to consider their role in guiding their children on this journey.

Parents and interested teens are welcome to attend the free information night on January 19, 2006 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, at JFS, 2255 Carling Avenue, Suite 301.

Particular focus will be in addressing parental expectations around their child's career decision-making, coaching their teenager through the next steps of career decision-making, choosing the best university/college, determining whether their child is ready to go away to school, and any other topics parents might choose.

For further details, contact Arthur Karp (769-0727). RSVP to Jewish Family Services (722-2225).

Campus building has new name

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assistance upon their arrival in the new world.

"Michael was deeply committed to his Jewish heritage and ran the synagogue out of their family home in Pembroke.

"He would arrange for a rabbi or chazzan for the high holidays and Jews from all the outlying areas would come.

"This warmth and hospitality continued when they moved to Ottawa. The Addleman siblings were constantly bringing home friends and creating a community centre environment. Michael was a major player in the purchas-

ing of a synagogue, which today is known as Beth Shalom.

"Now, with parents like this, what happens to their youngest child, Frances?

"Frances married a Frenchman, Robert Z'I, and lived many years in Europe, Toronto, etc. Over the last number of years, she has reconnected with the local Jewish community while playing a role in the international diplomatic community through her husband's work with the French Embassy."

For Davis, her generosity is a lesson for all of us: "Frances is extremely committed to her beginnings and

appreciative of what her parents did to allow her to live a very comfortable life.

"She has made arrangements to leave a substantial sum of money to support local Jewish causes, because she is Jewish and that is where the funds should go.

"She sets an example for others to follow. We all spend our lives living with our comforts and then debate what we should do to ensure the future of the Jewish people.

"With Frances there is no debate, it is her obligation but more importantly, her pleasure."

Greenberg said, and reiterated, "Now the Addleman family name won't get lost. You are setting a wonderful example for others to follow."

Obviously moved, Rodrigues-Ely responded, "It is wonderful being here and hearing this. I'm glad I decided to do it and I hope to continue being able to do so."

Rodrigues-Ely's nephew Richard Addleman, and Barry Baker, a descendant of the Cooper family, spoke glowingly of the Addlemans. The ceremony concluded with the El Moleh Rachamin chanted by Cantor Daniel Benlolo.

Afterward a reception was held inside the newly dedicated Michael & Gertrude Addleman Family Building.



Frances Rodrigues-Ely (right) with nephew Richard Addleman and sister-in-law Marcia Addleman, in front of the newly named building. (OJB photo: Barry Fishman)

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Theatre Ashbury shoah play supports human rights group

By Zev Kalin

A challenging script has never slowed down director Greg Simpson and the ensemble student cast at Theatre Ashbury.

Even more daunting than Ashbury's last Holocaust play, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*, this season's production, *And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank*, demands the same emotional depth while adding cutting edge technical elements.

"The script is built around the testimony of two Shoah Survivors who were close to Anne Frank," said director Greg Simpson.

"One was her boyfriend Helmut Silberberg, nicknamed Hello in her diary. The other was Eva Schloss, a girl Anne's age who went into hiding the same day the Franks did and who was betrayed on her 15th birthday.

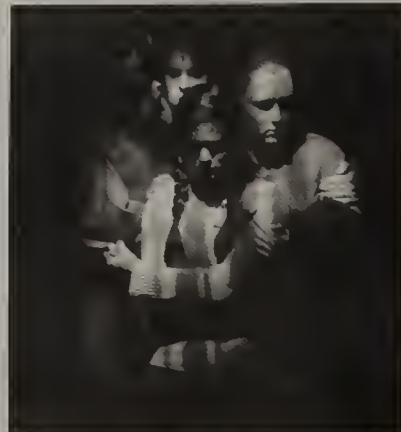
"James Still [the playwright] wove video footage of the two witnesses right into the script. Sometimes the actors talk to their older 'selves.' It's amazingly powerful, like a documentary stepping off the screen and coming to life.

"As the play ends with a commemoration we'll ask audiences to refrain from applauding," said Simpson.

Patrons will, however, have the opportunity to meet the cast. Every night will end with a reception following a brief address by a speaker.

Already confirmed are Israeli Ambassador Alan Baker, Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber, Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Holocaust survivors Lea Kalin and David Shentow.

Susan Kerner was inspired to commission the play when, after directing *The Diary of Anne Frank*, she observed the "deep connection young people felt to Anne Frank's story." She was, she says, "inspired to produce a new theatre piece



And Then They Came For Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank will be performed January 18 to 26 at Theatre Ashbury.
(Photo: Alexander MacDonald)

which would place Anne's story in a broader historical context."

One such young person is Katie Sacks, who plays Anne.

"I read *The Diary of Anne Frank* when I was around ten. When I read it I thought of how much she reminded me of myself ... If we'd lived in the same village I think we would have been friends. When I found out I was picked for this part I felt honoured."

Simpson chose the play because it met all his criteria; it carries a strong message of social responsibility, offers a profound challenge to his students and deals with a topic he himself feels is important.

"I think it's critical to teach the young about what happened. I remember my mother telling me stories while she ironed about why both my grandfathers went to war. The Holocaust was an important part of that narrative.

In 1994, Theatre Ashbury mounted its first Shoah production, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. Selling out its original run, it was brought back by popular demand in the much larger venue,

Centrepointhe Theatre. All those performances sold out as well, and over \$28,000 for Holocaust education was raised.

Proceeds from *And Then They Came For Me* will go to support GENA.ca's (Genocide Education: Never Again, www.GENA.ca) efforts to eradicate genocide through education.

This will be the inaugural performance for Ashbury's newly renovated theatre, which is also the classroom for the school's theatre as education program. The college is located just off Springfield in Rockcliffe Park at 362 Mariposa Avenue.

The show starts at 7:00 pm and runs from January 18 to 26, with the exception of Sunday the 22nd. Tickets are \$18 for all performances and can be reserved by calling Zev Kalin (521-3616) or e-mailing the date and number of tickets desired to zevkalin@magna.ca. The tickets will be held at the theatre for pick up the night of the performance.

Simpson asked that people reserve their tickets early. "With a strong early showing in the box office we should be able to get permission to extend the run."

Don't shop 'til you drop for Chanukah

Avoid the holiday shopping hangover this season

By Stanley J. Kershman

It's that time of year again, when our thoughts turn to lighting the candles of the Menorah, the taste of latkes, and to the gifts that we'll give our cherished family and friends over the eight days of Chanukah.

With just several weeks left before the start of Chanukah on the evening of December 25, and the malls packed with shoppers, can we do it?

More importantly, can we afford it?

All too often, the answer to that question is "no," especially if we don't have the funds available to pay those credit card bills once January arrives.

But – even though the emphasis of Chanukah is on miracles rather than gifts – it can be incredibly tempting to be generous with our purchases.

Think for a moment about the flip side of that generosity.

If, for example, we can afford to pay only the minimum monthly payment on a credit card bill of \$1,000, it would take us 153 months to pay it off – that's



Lawyer and author Stanley J. Kershman weighs in with financial advice for the Chanukah season.

almost 13 years, with \$1,100 in interest charges along the way.

Finances aren't something that we tend to talk about among family and friends, but if we asked them if they really wanted

us to put ourselves in that position for them, they would surely tell us "no."

There is a solution.

With a little planning and forward thinking, you can show how much you appreciate the people in your lives while avoiding the Chanukah shopping hangover.

Along the way, you'll also be setting a wonderful example for your family, especially children, about recognizing love and friendship without attaching a monetary debt to it.

Try these five simple steps to avoid the "shop 'till you drop" Chanukah syndrome:

1. Write a list. Enter the person's name, and decide whether a gift is really needed, or whether a beautiful card and handwritten note would be just as valued.

2. Set a budget. Figure out how much you can afford to spend this year on gifts, and divide that amount among those you wish to buy for.

3. Strategize. If your budget doesn't stretch far

enough, come up with alternatives. Can you join forces with other family members to make your dollars go further? How about agreeing to a cost limit on presents between family members or friends? Or agreeing to make a donation in each other's names to favourite causes? Or hand-crafting your gifts?

4. Shop ahead. Check out sales flyers, online catalogs and stores to come up with suggestions for each person. Monitor the prices you've found, so that you'll know when the sale's a good one.

5. Keep track. When you make the purchase, enter the date and how much you paid, so that you'll know how much you're spending compared to how much you budgeted – and so that credit card bills in January won't be a shock.

And above all – cherish the warmth and light of Chanukah, all the while secure in the knowledge that you're not putting yourself deep into debt to do so.

Stanley J. Kershman, a

bankruptcy lawyer, is the author of Put Your Debt on a Diet: A Step-by-Step Guide to Financial Fitness. Free copies of his handy Holiday Planning work-

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They Made a Difference A valued educator remembered

By Shirley Berman
Joshua Heilman, a beloved teacher and principal of Hillel Academy Talmud Torah between 1960 and 1975, moulded the minds and entered the hearts of the many young students he taught and guided.

A close family friend, former Ottawa Haim Gunner, describes Josh as "a benign, sweet, modest patient listener."

"He was in the best sense that classic Jewish phenomenon, vanished in our time, the quintessential melamed, the teacher not only of Jewish subjects, but of Jewish values, the teacher for whom teaching was not a vocation or profession, but a mission, and the child, the precious vessel into whom all this would be poured and shared with a next generation."

"Not only to children did Josh Heilman provide subject matter. Every conversation with friends was enriched by his rich experience and ongoing lively interests."

Joshua was born in Lubaczow, Poland on July 24, 1921.

In August of 1939, he went to Jerusalem to enter the Hebrew University, leaving behind his family, which he would never again see.

During the Second World War, he enlisted in the British Army in Palces-

tine, serving in Iraq; and in the Israeli Army during Israel's War of Independence.

A graduate of the Hebrew University, his education and experiences made him a receptacle of the memories, values and lore now largely lost to us.

His friend Gunner recalls, "With Josh, one could feel coming to life those old rabbinic traditions, the push and pull of shetl life, its humour and privations, its generosity, and even its mean spiritedness."

"For all his positive view and gratitude for his own situation, Josh was an unblinking realist and the losses of his generation and the ongoing threats to Jewish life were never out of sight."

Between 1975 and 2003, Joshua worked for the Canadian government translating Hebrew and Yiddish documents.

To translate means to be sensitive to the nuances of one language and to transfer them with as much fidelity and devotion as possible to another language.

Anna, Josh's wife, recalls that he once received a document written on a page torn from a child's notebook. It was in Hebrew and Aramaic and Josh recognized it as a valid Jewish marriage contract written at a time when reli-

gious contracts were forbidden in the Soviet Union. A less knowledgeable translator might have disregarded the document.

Joshua was an active member of the Agudath Israel Congregation and the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, also an active member of the Jewish Philosophy and Ethics Study Group and a mentor to his many friends there.

Joshua Heilman passed away on October 24, 2005. He is, and always will be, profoundly missed.



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The screening is organized by the Canadian and Turkish Women's Association of Ottawa (CATWAO), under the auspices of the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, in co-operation with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and the Israeli and Swedish Embassies.

"This screening is timely," says Mitchell Bellman, president of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. "It is being presented on the eve of Raoul Wallenberg Day, and just 10 days prior to January 27, the official international annual date to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, recently proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly."

Desperate Hours reveals how Turkish diplomats put their lives at risk to save Jews being shipped to

concentration camps. As Germany began excluding Jews from university and professional positions, Turkey welcomed them.

This experience was similar to the earlier Ottoman acceptance of the Jews expelled from Spain in 1492. It relies on eyewitness accounts for the mostly unaccounted history of unchartered heroism and fast-forwards the past through the eyes of survivors.

The film explores how Monsignor Angelo Roncalli, apostolic delegate in Istanbul during the war and the future Pope John 23rd (1958 to 1963), worked with future leaders of Israel to save lives.

The film's director is Victoria Barrett and Michael Berenbaum, director of the Sigi Ziering Institute at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles, is the executive producer, writer and historian.

Admission is free. To reserve your ticket or for further information contact Rena Herman (798-4696, ext. 234 or rherman@jewishottawa.com).

Librarian Donna Guttman makes aliyah

By Maxine Miska

The Ottawa Jewish community -- in particular the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and the Agudath Israel, Malca Pass Library -- must bid a fond farewell to Donna Guttman, who, with her husband Stephen, is fulfilling a dream of making *aliyah* to Israel at the end of December.

When the JCC moved from Chapel Street to its new incarnation at the Jewish Community Campus, the newly endowed Greenberg Families Library housed a fossilized collection of books, which had not been updated in decades. For the last seven years, librarians Donna Guttman and Estelle Backman have worked to create a modern, dynamic library.

Guttman culled outdated volumes and purchased newly published books about religion, history, social studies, children's books, and videos. Of the 10,000 books currently in the Greenberg Families Library, one-third have been published in the last 10 years.

She also bought specialized software for library collections



Donna Guttman

and re-catalogued every single book to create an on-line catalogue for the Greenberg Families and the Malca Pass Libraries, accessible from the SJCC website.

Guttman enabled the Greenberg Families Library to achieve professional standards and accreditation with the Association of American Jewish Libraries. She also oversaw library programming including author talks, a book club, computer literacy classes and monthly films.

Guttman has brought the same dedication and devotion to

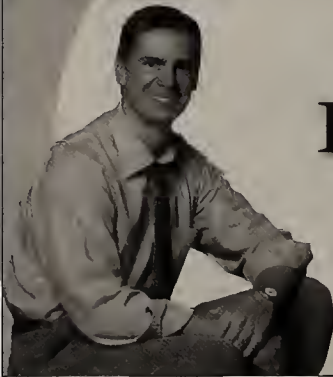
the Malca Pass Library, where she has been the librarian for the last 13 years. She has been responsible for building the collection and ensuring that the library received accreditation with the Association of American Jewish Libraries, no small feat for a small synagogue library. She has provided ongoing support for the Malca Pass Library committee and all Malca Pass programs, including the very successful Malca Pass Book Discussion Group, now in its 15th year.

Members of the Malca Pass Library committee and patrons of the library will miss her work ethic, her knowledge and her professionalism.

Guttman said of her experience in both libraries, "It has been a pleasure to work with Estelle Backman at the SJCC. I appreciate the great support I have had from Ruth Levitan and Estelle Gunner at both collections. I would like to thank the Greenberg families for their generosity and Roger Greenberg for making time for me in his busy schedule."

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By Al Macartney

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This year's edition was once again a complete sell-out. Over 800 guests, celebrities and volunteers participated in making this year's event the most successful to date raising over \$170,000.

The legendary Bobby Hull was this year's guest of honour and delivered a keynote address that included humour, memories and inspiration.

NHL great Dennis Hull, served as a master of the one liners as he reflected back on his career, life with brother Bobby and life after hockey, while serving as master of ceremonies.

Over 70 sports celebrities from all sports and eras attended.

All of Ottawa's home teams were well represented.

Some notable guests included Pat Woodcock and Pat Fleming from the Renegades, Danny Battochio, Julian Talhot and Brian Kilrea from the 67's, Roy Mlakar and John Muckler from the Senators.

Sports radio TEAM 1200 broadcast Bobby Hull's keynote address live from the event.

In addition, the Celebrity Sports Dinner introduced the Brian Kilrea Award. This award will annually recognize the Ottawa sport personality who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to community leadership by making significant contributions to the advancement of charitable causes.

Kilrea presented the award to this year's recipient, Senators President Roy Mlakar.

Another special guest of the evening captivated the crowd without ever saying a word.

Arguably sport's greatest trophy, was on hand as

flashes and smiles continued throughout the dinner as everyone lined up to take home souvenir photos and pose with the Stanley Cup.

Proceeds from the Celebrity Sports Dinner will benefit the many outreach programs of the Soloway JCC, Football Canada and the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre.

To learn more about the dinner and see photos from this year's event, visit www.celebritysportsdinner.com.



(Left to right): Al Macartney, Dennis Hull, Anna Silverman, Bobby Hull and Stewart Ages.

Knitters put a smile on faces of children at CHEO

By Barry Fishman

You can find them in the emergency room, intensive care and in the rooms of many of the little patients at CHEO. They are beautifully, lovingly, hand-knitted dolls, designed to comfort and put a smile on a sick child's face.

Two years ago, when a hospital representative visited the Mitzvah Knitters group at the SJCC and

asked if anyone was interested in knitting for CHEO, Virginia Stupp and Beverly Weiner decided to take up the challenge.

They have been knitting ever since. Every month, they send between 20 and 25 unique knitted dolls to CHEO.

Although at times Stupp's arthritis is so bad she can barely hold a needle, she refuses to give up.

"Even if I can't move my

fingers, how I suffer from my hands, I am still doing it because it comes from the heart. If it makes the children happy, we are happy."

Not only does helping out CHEO make the women happy, knitting the dolls gives them a creative outlet.

"It is exciting for us because we are always doing something different. Not boring like when you are knitting only scarves or

whatever. You can take the same doll and dress it 20 different ways and it looks like you have 20 different dolls," notes Weiner.

They are especially busy at this time of year. Both feel it is important that any child who has to stay in the hospital over the Chanukah and Christmas season should have one of their dolls. In fact, they have knitted a

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Lightstone appointed to head Brock University

By Diane Koven
He has lived and worked in Montreal for more than a quarter of a century, but when Dr. Jack Lightstone was recently appointed as the new President and Vice-Chancellor of Brock University in St. Catharines, he had a huge cheering section right here in Ottawa.

"I have a mere 200 or so

relatives in Ottawa," said Lightstone in a telephone interview with the *OJB*.

"On my mother's side especially, I have a huge family in Ottawa and we are close and get together whenever possible."

Lightstone's late parents, Manny and Ethyl (Shinder) were well-known and very active members of the

Ottawa Jewish community and his only sibling, Margo Silverman, has carried on the tradition. "I am so proud of his accomplishments, and know that my parents would be ecstatic," she said.

There is, indeed, much to be proud of.

Lightstone's academic roots are local, beginning with his graduation from

Hillel Academy, Fisher Park High School and Carleton University where he received his BA. Next, he travelled to Rhode Island where he completed his MA and PhD at Brown University; then spent a year in Israel as visiting research graduate fellow at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

As long-time professor of religion at Concordia University in Montreal, Lightstone was chair of his department for six years and graduate program director for the MA in Judaic studies and PhD in religion, along with a number of other roles over the years.

The author of six books, Lightstone is widely published in scholarly and professional journals and has lectured extensively. He is an expert on ancient and contemporary North American Judaism.

"This (his appointment as president) probably represents the close of my teaching career, though perhaps not the end of my research career," said Lightstone.

In its 40 years of existence, Brock University, in St. Catharines, Ontario, has grown to serve a student population of 17,000. "Up until a few years ago, Brock was a small, largely undergraduate university with a few pockets of research



Dr. Jack Lightstone

excellence here and there ... Since 1998, Brock has moved to develop its research capacity and its ability to offer a post-graduate education. I see my job as taking that potential and moving it along to a significant degree," said Lightstone.

"I hope to see Brock become a much more significant player in the realm of research without losing its sense of student centredness at the undergraduate level ... Brock is poised to

become a major positive force in the Niagara Region in a way that far surpasses how it's been able to play that role until now."

Lightstone has fond memories of growing up in Ottawa which, in the 50s and 60s, had a far smaller Jewish community than it does now. "... In some sense, moving to St. Catharines is not totally unfamiliar to me. Ottawa is no longer a small Jewish community, but there is a certain intimacy in being in a small Jewish community that has its own appeal ..." he said. "I think it is important for small Jewish communities in Canada to remain vibrant."

He hopes to become involved in the community quickly and to share his knowledge and experience as a Jewish educator.

Lightstone and his wife, Dorothy Markiewicz, a psychology professor, are the parents of two adult children, Etan and Jennifer.

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TSO violinist to perform at Agudath Israel

By Adele Grosman
On January 14, the Ottawa Jewish community will have a rare opportunity to hear the Toronto Symphony Orchestra violinist Arkady Yanivker perform in a solo concert *The Glory of the Violin* at Congregation Agudath Israel.

Seeking greater artistic freedom, Yanivker left his successful musical career in the Soviet Union and immigrated to Canada in 1976.

Upon arriving in Toronto and without speaking a word of English, he became the First Violin in the Canadian Opera Company. Yanivker was quickly appointed to the First Violin section of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, a position he currently occupies.

Yanivker was born in Odessa, USSR, and began playing the violin when he was five years old. He studied violin at the famous Stoliarsky School for musically gifted children, which gave to the world many great musicians, such as Emil



Arkady Yanivker to perform a solo concert January 14.

Gilels, David Oistrach, Nathan Milstein and Busia Goldstein.

He first performed as a soloist with the Odessa State Symphony Orchestra at the age of 13 as a featured Winner of Republican competition.

Yanivker graduated from the Odessa State Conservatory with the honourary gold medal and took a post-graduate degree at the

Novosibirsk Conservatory of Music where he became professor of music and, at the same time, occupied the position of concertmaster at the Novosibirsk State Opera and Ballet Theatre.

Since his arrival in Canada, Yanivker has held the position of concertmaster in the New Chamber Orchestra, the London Orchestra, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony and Operetta and

Symphony Canada. Over the last 10 years, he has been a concertmaster and a soloist at the annual Huntsville Festival Orchestra. He has also been a concertmaster of the Toronto Philharmonia Orchestra, with which he performs regularly as a soloist.

His most recent solo concert was described as "intoning the songful solos" (Littler, *Toronto Star*). Reviews of his appearances noted "the many memorable moments were Yanivker's dominant violin" (Kraglund, *Globe and Mail*) and his "carefully etched performances" (Hambleton, *Toronto Star*).

His performances have been regularly recorded and broadcast on CFMX and CBC radio.

Pianist Olga Tcherniak will accompany Yanivker. She is known as a performer, teacher and a vocal coach in the US, Canada, Russia, France and Israel. She has performed on CBC radio and NBC.

The concert will take place at 8:00 pm at Agudath Israel Congregation. Tickets are \$18 and available through TicketWeb online or by phone (888-222-6608) or at the Soloway JCC.

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Lodge membership drive now on

By Stephen Schmelderman

Dora Lithwick instinctively knew before her dream of a home for Ottawa's Jewish elderly could take shape and form, she needed to gather a legion of support. So in the beginning, she called on everyone she knew and asked them to do the same.

Door-to-door they went, pounding the pavement. House by house they visited or telephoned, trying to rally their coreligionists to the cause of "honouring thy father and thy mother." Driven by a desire to make this happen, a groundswell of support began.

By 1955, when the Lodge held its first annual general

meeting, Lithwick had managed to enlist the support of hundreds of individuals and have them invest in a piece of a dream - membership to a new Corporation - the Ottawa Jewish Home for Aged.

That first membership drive was a clear signal to the organized Jewish community that the Lodge had a growing constituency that represented a significant portion of the community.

Membership gives those who subscribe the opportunity to vote at the annual general meeting, support the vision of the Lodge's founders as well as the current leadership and to contribute to the quality of the

programs and services on an annual basis.

Membership is a donation that is eligible for a tax receipt and the funds are used to maintain a traditional Jewish program that gives the Lodge a feeling of home and preserves a standard of care way beyond the norm in long-term care.

The Lodge still enjoys a tremendous level of support. Thousands of visitors and hundreds of volunteers visit the Home on a yearly basis. With the development of the new Lodge on Campus, the Jewish Federation of Ottawa increased its support substantially.

However, it is still about numbers and proof of sup-

port. A strong membership base continues to influence decisions and decision-makers. It is an important way to show how much the community cares.

In December [2005], the Lodge begins its Membership Campaign for 2006. The annual campaign is mailed to households in the Ottawa Jewish community. Membership levels, which are determined in the by-laws, range from \$18 to \$2,000. The Lodge is encouraging members to consider multiples of \$50 to reflect and celebrate our 50th year.

Membership is a formal declaration of support, a way to show you care and have your vote be counted.

Kosher Food Bank needs your support

Although, the Kosher Food Bank (KFB) welcomes all donated kosher food, monetary donations are preferred, because they go farther than donated food. The KFB buys most of its groceries wholesale, and in large lots, saving as much as 30 - 50 per cent per item.

To make a donation, call Agudath Israel (728-3501). Credit card payments are accepted. The office staff at Agudath processes all donations, sends out acknowledgements and tax receipts and looks after the funds. If you wish to honour or remember someone with your donation, the shul will

send out an appropriate card.

You can also deposit canned, bottled and packaged kosher food, before its expiry date, in the bins at the SJCC, Agudath, or Loblaw (College Square).

Donations of personal care items or household cleaning supplies are also appreciated.

KFB began in 1997, when the social action committee of Congregation Agudath Israel established the food bank. It has since attracted widespread support from the broader community, with the substantial involvement of volunteers from Agudath, Temple Israel, Agath

Shalom, and drives for food and contributions undertaken by various congregations and schools.

Jewish Family Services refers clientele. "Customers" include recent immigrants, seriously ill people, the elderly and the unemployed. It is currently able to assist about 80 families per month.

Clients are given enough food for several days each month, to extend their social assistance to cover basic needs. Orders are custom packed and can include poultry, ground beef, bread, margarine, canned fish, pasta, canned vegetables, cereals, soups, cooking oil, tea, cof-

fee and fruit juice, Shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary items and other household sundries are also made available. Gift cards, redeemable at Loblaw's or Your Independent Grocer, allow clients to purchase perishable items, such as milk and fresh produce.

The KFB is located at Agudath Israel, and operates with the involvement of dedicated volunteers, who collect donated food, conduct inventories, buy groceries as required, shelve items, pack orders and make distributions.

The current chairs of this project are Linda Shiff and Karen Fainstein.

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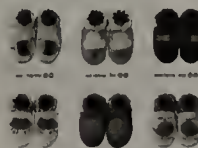
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Speech spurs children to invest in Israel's future

By Marcia Cantor

Do you think that your kids are targets of popular culture?

In a recently conducted survey, over 75 per cent of parents believed that materialism influenced from TV, movies, music and video games were a "serious problem."

That is part of what makes this story so unusual.

During the week that the Xbox 360 went on sale, brothers Josh and Bram Taylor came forward to spend their money not on games, but on the future of Israel. Josh and Bram are the sons of Jeff Taylor and Susan Weisman and grandsons of Rose and Chick Taylor.

The story begins with a compelling High Holy Day speech written and delivered by 18-year-old Tova Silverman during the family service at Agudath Israel.

"I wanted Israel to know that Canada cares," Silverman later said when asked why she decided to give the Israel Bonds speech this year.

"It was especially important at the beginning of a new year."

Her speech recounts a very personal experience that indelibly connected her to the State of Israel.

"I was no longer physically far

away from Israel or lacking a spiritual connection. Instead I realized the importance of *Yerushalayim*, and the whole State of Israel."

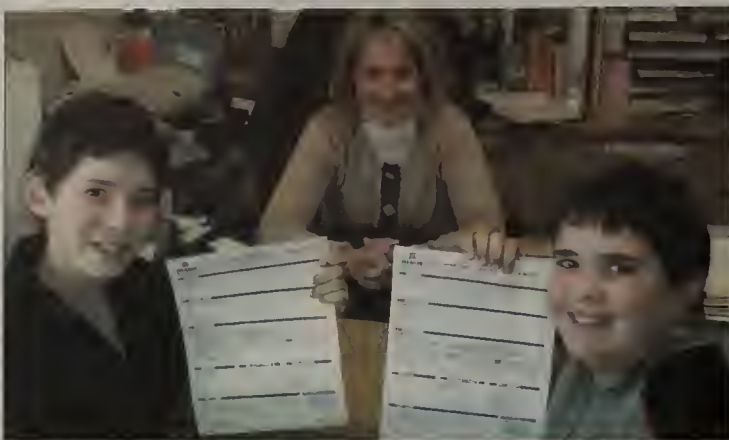
The culmination of Silverman's speech was a call to action.

"As Jews living in the Diaspora, it is our obligation to contribute to *Eretz Yisrael* and make it clear that things that happen in Israel are not 9,000 km away. They happen to us, they affect us, and we must stand up and make a difference," she said.

When Silverman explained that buying Israel Bonds was a way of doing a mitzvah and earning money at the same time, Bram, age 9, turned to his mother and said, "Can I do that?"

Bram's question was far more than an impulsive reaction to the emotion of Silverman's speech. Later, he and Josh, his 11-year-old brother, talked about it and, by the time they got home, they had already decided to make their first investment ever.

Josh and Bram each bought five of the popular and affordably priced "Chai" Israel Bonds, which sell for CDN \$153 and mature in five years at CDN \$180 each. Amazingly, they purchased the bonds



Josh (left) and Bram Taylor with Marcia Cantor, Ottawa executive director, State of Israel Bonds.

from their own bank accounts.

The young brothers are proud that their first investments are with the State of Israel. Particularly poignant for them was that their first-ever investment cheque was made out directly to the "State of Israel."

For her part, Silverman said she

is "thrilled" that her speech was so successful.

"Hopefully," she said, "we can continue to work together to ensure our community remains strongly connected to Israel in the future."

If popular culture is the engine that drives our society's values, the engine that creates our icons, heroes

and heroines, beliefs and behaviour, this is a story that goes against the tide and shows that our youth can be moved to act in ways that defy even the greatest materialistic temptations.

Tova Silverman's speech can be read in its entirety on the "youth zone" at www.israelbonds.ca.

Dreidel House invites visitors to 'spin and smile'

By Batsheva Pomerantz

(IPS) Flickering Chanukah candles in the window and the waft of sizzling potato latkes serve as the perfect setting for the popular *dreidel* game, played by children of all ages throughout the eight-day festival of Chanukah.

The *dreidel*, from the German *drehen* (to spin), is a four-sided top with a Hebrew letter on each side. The four letters, *nun*, *gimmel*, *hey* and *shin*, stand for *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*, "A Great Miracle Happened There" (there meaning Israel) – referring to the miracle of the small cruse of pure oil which kindled the Temple menorah for eight days instead of only one day.

The words determine the player's next move regarding adding or deducting coins, tokens, candies or nuts from the pot. *Nun* is for *nisht*, or "nothing"; *gimmel* is *gantz*, or "everything"; *hey* is *halb*, or "half"; and *shin* is *shet*, or "pay."

Eran Grebler, a second-generation ceramicist from Pardess Hana, designs and produces *dreidels* (*sevivon* in Hebrew) all year round. A dizzying array of some 300 tops is on display at the Dreidel House, which he opened in 2002 in the ancient port city of Caesarea. "Please Spin and Smile!" reads the



A unique porcelain chess set with spinning chess pieces. (IPS)

sign in his gallery.

"I think every artist enjoys people touching his artwork," says Grebler. "Visitors have great fun when they spin the *dreidels* and I get great satisfaction from seeing how they react."

Grebler has been creating *dreidels* for the past 20 years, along with other Judaica artifacts, although nowadays he deals almost exclusively with *dreidels*.

Jerusalem vistas, hamsas

(amulets for warding off the evil eye), animals, pomegranates and ancient Roman coins are only some of the images which adorn Grebler's porcelain tops, in which he incorporates a combination of metals.

One is even shaped like a cat – "a made to order *dreidel* for a cat lover." His tops differ from the traditional *dreidel*, however, in that they do not have four sides that fall flat when the spinning ceases. For

this reason they are positioned on a base with a dot or mark indicating the chosen letter when the spinning stops.

Although visitors to the Dreidel House often provide ideas for new *dreidels*, as do Grebler's three children, Grebler "finds inspiration literally everywhere. Some of my *dreidels* resemble carousels; some are inspired by vacations abroad."

After a trip to the Toy Museum in Prague, for example, Grebler returned to his studio with many ideas for innovative tops. One unusual *dreidel*, with wires and tubes around a square structure, was inspired by the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Customers enjoy watching Grebler at work in the Dreidel House where meticulous planning and understanding of the laws of physics are vital to designing his tops.

"A spinning item differs completely from a stationary one," he says. "Some parts of the top fall into place because of gravity." The effect of spinning the Magic *Dreidel* produces a Magen David on its base.

Both collectors and chess players enjoy the spinning chess pieces on a unique and colorful chess set. The rules for the *dreidel* game, however, are a great deal less com-

plicated than chess.

Many of Grebler's *dreidels* were not created for Chanukah and add a bit of spice to such decisions as investments, wishes, relationships, division of household chores and vacation destinations.

The Blessing Carousel *Dreidel* has trinkets attached with wishes like "love" and "health" (in Hebrew and English). It stops spinning and the wish near the mark is the selected wish. When children squabble over household chores, the Household Chores Carousel *Dreidel* comes to the rescue with such options as "clearing the table" or "washing the floor."

A Passover *Dreidel*, designed to twirl over the Passover plate, indicates who reads the various sections in the Passover Haggadah.

"Not everyone wants to read the part about the wicked son," says Grebler, "so the *dreidel* makes the decision."

The message of Chanukah is that the light of goodness prevails in the conflicts of good versus evil and light versus dark. But the *dreidel*, balancing on one leg, symbolizes the seemingly precarious history of the Jewish people as it plunges down then bounces back up with optimism.



Local members of Chapter Yad B'Yad hold the spirit cup they won at the recent convention in Montreal.

BBYO Convention winners

By Amy Siggner

Twenty-nine lucky BBYO members from three Ottawa chapters, Yad B'Yad, Lev V'Nefesh and B'nai Amitai joined six other BBYO chapters in Montreal for the Eastern Canada Region (ECR) BBYO Spirit Convention 2005.

The convention slogan was "Go for Broke," and that is just what the teens did: newer member catching the "ruah" (spirit) from older members, new friendships formed and old friendships strengthened.

Musician Joel Levinson won over the assembled teens by his leadership in the music sessions. His songs were still being sung as the bus returned to the SJCC.

After a teen-led Shabbat morning service, BBYO advisors introduced programs which included Hollywood Comedy, Swing Dancing, Rent the Musical, Shira, and Beading with Hemp Cord.

Weeks of spirit preparation culminated in the spectacular Song and Banner finale on Sunday afternoon.

The songs showed off the creativity and the talents of the teens, timed perfectly and sung to perfection.

Chapter Yad B'Yad returned home for the second straight year with the Spirit Cup for the most spirited B'nai Brith Girls Chapter of Eastern Canada. Yad B'Yad also won for best song.

Amy Siggner is city director, BBYO in Ottawa.

For more information contact Amy Siggner (798-9818 ext. 258 or e-mail asiggner@jccottawa.com).

Knitted dolls popular at CHEO

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number of seasonal dolls, including a snowman and Santa Claus.

Weiner does most of the knitting. Stupp stuffs the dolls and sews the features and accessories on.

Some of the dolls can be quite intricate. Accessories include water bottles, bouquet of flowers, bananas, purses, etc. All dolls are machine washable.

"I am sure the kids are thrilled with them," says Stupp.

Both women credit Naomi Pearlman and the SJCC Mitzvah Knitters for supplying them with the wool and encouragement in taking on the project.

The two very busy knitters



A few of the dolls the women produce.

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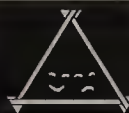
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Jewish Culture Club popular

"It's the Shizzle," says Clare Shrybman of the Glebe Collegiate.

"What a great way for Jewish teens to learn, have fun and show how proud we are to be Jews!" says Asher Farber of Sir Robert Borden High School.

"It's a great place to get together and meet people whom you never even knew were Jewish!" says Chelsea Sauvé of Canterbury High School.

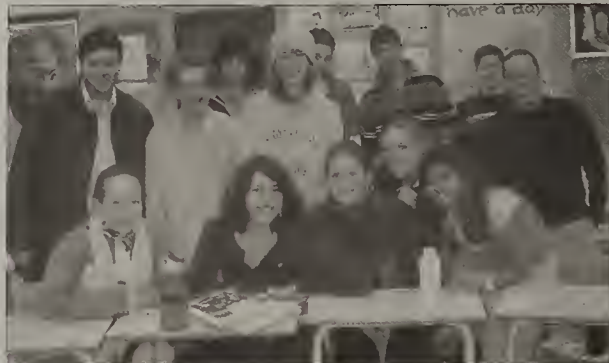
What is everyone so excited about? NCSY's Jewish Culture Clubs!

For over a year now, teenagers in high schools across Ottawa have been enjoying Jewish Culture Clubs - and they're raving about them. With free pizza, video clips and stimulating discussions on all things Jewish, it's no wonder teens are excited.

Jewish Culture Clubs take place inside public and private high schools throughout Ottawa during lunchtime and are open to all students of that high school.

Jewish Culture Clubs are based on a simple premise: the need to reach out to the younger generation is a high priority.

"If we want to guarantee a



Canterbury High School students attend the Jewish Culture Club.

Jewish tomorrow, we need to go to where teens are, in schools, reach them and connect them in fun and innovative ways to their Jewish roots, the Jewish community and Israel," says Bram Bregman, director of NCSY Ottawa.

Through movie and television clips, newspaper articles and thought-provoking questions, students attending the Jewish Culture Clubs discuss ideas such as the Jewish view on cloning, revenge, animal rights or charity. This year, during Holocaust Education Week, Jewish Culture Clubs watched and discussed the movie *Paper Clips*. Students have also met with Israeli filmmaker Laizey Shapiro, have enjoyed "Falafel & Music Day" and, in the next few weeks, will be playing "Jewish Taboo."

Clare Shrybman, of Glebe Collegiate, says it best.

"I enjoy Glebe Jewish Culture Club and feel that it is important because it pro-

vides me and other students with a link to Ottawa's Jewish community. The Glebe Jewish Culture Club is an extremely accepting environment where all are welcome to attend and voice their opinion.

"It's a great way to meet and get to know other Jewish teens. I like the club ... as it has helped me connect to a religion and my culture in a stimulating and fun way."

Jewish Culture Clubs do more than just connect teens to their Jewish identity.

They are also a critical outlet in which students can also learn about many various opportunities in which they can get involved, and become - and remain - active, giving individuals through NCSY's Community Service Initiative (CSI) program.

For example, last year, over two short weeks, Jewish Culture Clubs across Ottawa raised \$1,400 for the victims of the Tsunami disaster and they also raised over \$1,300

for the 2005 UJA Walkathon.

Jewish Culture Clubs are also a great way to promote Judaism in a positive way to students of all backgrounds.

"I feel that the Jewish Culture Club is very important not only for the Jews who attend Canterbury but the non-Jews as well. It is a great way to educate those non-Jews who are interested in Judaism and its many aspects. Not only is the Jewish Culture Club there to bring Jews together, but to help bring knowledge and a common understanding of Jewish life to others, which I feel is very important in a world where tolerance is weak," says Chelsea Sauvé.

Thanks to the generous support of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and private donors, NCSY currently runs weekly Jewish Culture Clubs at Canterbury High School, Sir Robert Borden High School, Yitzhak Rabin High School and Glebe Collegiate. There is also an occasional Jewish Culture Club at Merivale High School around Jewish holidays.

NCSY has also led Jewish discussions at Ashbury College during its Chapel Service.

Within the next year, NCSY Ottawa will be expanding its Jewish Culture Clubs. If you would like to be involved in this exciting program or if you would like to start an NCSY Jewish Culture Club at your school, contact Bram Bregman (bram@ncsyottawa.com), visit www.ncsyottawa.com, or call 262-NCSY.

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Member-led shul offers wide range of educational programs

By Ruth Kahane
Goldberg

Adath Shalom, a member-led congregation, is using creative tactics to provide educational opportunities for its members. The 150-member shul has high involvement in religious services, social action projects and its various learning possibilities.

"We are small, we are imaginative, and we do a lot,"

says adult education committee co-chair Carol Steinberg.

Adath Shalom's Conservative Egalitarian services held at the Jewish Community Campus chapel are led by congregational members, many of whom have developed their knowledge and experience through the shul.

"Member involvement in leading the services is very important. We are blessed

with members who teach others to read Torah and Haftorah and to lead all aspects of the service," says Steinberg.

In addition, the shul's Learners' Shabbats, co-ordinated by the Ritual Committee, are an opportunity for more members to learn and conduct the davening together.

As well as ritual education, Adath Shalom has study groups that have been running for several years and always welcome new participation. The Tanach study group is currently studying the Book of Samuel. The Rosh Hodesh study group focuses on Jewish poets and authors.

For Steinberg and education co-chair Alysse Weinberg, some interesting speaker possibilities have been found by delving locally.

One program called, *Finding God Through Stories* with Dr. Katherine Lagrandeur, based on her Queen's University doctoral dissertation, was on Elie Wiesel's autobiographical writings and his decision to have faith in the face of the Shoah.

On cultural themes, a presentation by Toby and Joel Yan, to be held on January 28, will focus on Israeli



Adath Shalom education co-chairs Carol Steinberg (left) and Alysse Weinberg (right) with speaker Katherine Lagrandeur at a recent program on Eli Wiesel's writings and his drama of faith.

songwriter Naomi Shemer, and on February 11, *Jewish Themes in Modern Films* will be explored by Adele Reinhartz, fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, associate vice-president research, University of Ottawa.

Adath Shalom's annual Leah Schnitzer Shabbaton is slated for March 31 - April 2 with guest Rabbi Erwin Schild, rabbi emeritus at Adath Israel Synagogue in Toronto. The rabbi is a Member of the Order of Canada and his dedication to interfaith dialogue has won him interfaith awards both in

Canada and internationally.

Co-sponsored events with other congregations is another aspect of Adath Shalom's programming. A recent collaboration with Agudath Israel for its scholar-in-residence weekend on the *Life and Works of Abraham Joshua Heschel* involved a breakfast lecture on *Spirituality and Social Action* with Heschel's biographer Edward Kaplan of Brandeis University.

In March, Adath Shalom

will partner for a study session on the "ger" (the stranger who dwells among you) with the Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah and rabbinical student Benjamin Barnett. Temple Israel and Adath Shalom are planning a discussion on the Multifaith Housing Initiative.

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Carlson Wagonlit is offering the community the opportunity to enjoy Passover on the high seas. The sailing is April 11, 2006 and will be escorted by Cantor Daniel Benlolo and family.

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How is kosher Passover at sea done? An arrangement is made with a major cruise line to provide a galley during the Passover cruise. The galley, under rabbinic supervision, is rendered kosher for Passover. Meals are served at a special grand kosher restaurant on board. As well, two traditional Seders will be held there. Sail away buffet, after-

noon tea and late evening snacks will also be offered. Gourmet kosher cuisine will be freshly prepared on board by 5-star chefs and served on special china, with plenty of selection at every meal.

A rabbi and cantor will conduct daily services and special lectures and events will be held. Scholar-in-residence Dr. Abraham J. Gitlenson, a renowned lecturer, teacher and raconteur, and wife Shulamit will offer fascinating insights on a wide variety of topics, including the Caribbean Ports visited, from a Jewish perspective.

This cruise is the "gold standard" for Passover, tailored to meet the needs of a broad spectrum of the Jewish community.

An information session will be held in the near future. If you are interested, please call 238-4040.

'Seven on a Sunday' benefit concert for Temple Israel's new piano

By Louise Rachlis

It's a fascinating story that could be called "The Piano," if that title weren't already taken by the 1993 movie made in New Zealand.

This two-part adventure was launched at Temple Israel, the first act about the piano itself, and the second about the fundraising concert to pay for it.

Act I - The piano cometh

"The piano belonged to Anna Rosenberg," explains Dina Namer, a pianist and member of Temple Israel. "She was one of my closest friends. She died this past year at the age of 90. I had originally helped the Rosenbergs select a vintage Steinway piano about 10 years ago."

Anna Rosenberg took up playing the piano again at the age of 70, and made incredible progress over the next 20 years.

"It was always a musical home," says Namer. "Dr. Rosenberg was a medical doctor and amateur violinist who played the violin every

day, and loved chamber music."

Coincidentally, for the past three or four years, a group of Temple members had been talking about buying a piano for the Temple. When Anna died, it occurred to Namer that it would be a wonderful thing for the piano to go to the Temple.

A year ago, at a New Year's gathering at the Berkovitch's home, those in attendance discussed the possibility of a fundraising concert to raise money for the purchase of a piano. Present, among others, were Daniel Bolshoy, Julie Nesrallah, Bruce Kelly and Dina Namer, and all immediately offered to participate.

To avoid delays, red tape and committee deliberations, Nancy and Mort Bercovitch spontaneously put up the money initially to buy the piano, which is now happily entrenched in the sanctuary.

Now, Act II, the fundraising concert is coming up to pay back the Bercovitch's generosity.



Seven accomplished musicians will perform a wide range of music on January 22

Act II

Temple Israel choir member Pat Dunphy, who organizes events for a living, was glad to pitch in, as was Heather Cohen of Temple Israel administration.

Namer put together the great concert lineup, called "Seven on a Sunday," to be

held Sunday, January 22, 2:30 pm, at the National Library and Archives on Wellington Street.

On the program are: Paul Merleyn, cello; Julie Nesrallah, mezzo-soprano; Bruce Kelly, baritone; Ellie Glantz, mezzo soprano; Dina Namer, piano; Daniel Bolshoy, gui-

tar, and Josh "Socalled" Dolgin, klezmer.

Bolshoy and Nesrallah are well known to Canadian audiences.

Kelly is a resident of Toronto who has appeared in opera productions all over the world. He and Namer recently performed the

Schubert song cycle "Winterreise" in Kingston, Ontario.

A brilliant and engaging performer, Merleyn, newly appointed professor of cello at University of Ottawa, is originally from England.

Josh "Socalled" Dolgin is a world-travelled musician performing with several Klezmer groups, including the renowned clarinet virtuoso David Krakauer. Dolgin and his family have a long-time affiliation with Temple Israel.

Glantz is the Lay Cantor Rishon at Temple Israel and a frequent performer as soloist and choir member locally.

"Choices of repertoire were a collaborative effort, resulting in a wide range of music, from Strid Irving Glick to Stephen Sondheim," says Namer.

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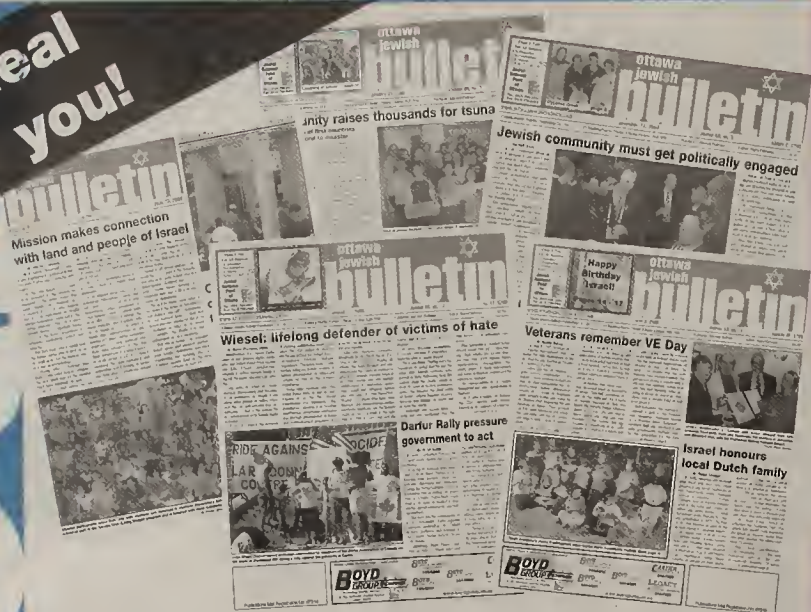
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Community and school celebrate teacher's accomplishments

By Aryeh Stegenga

Recently, a group of more than 60 people consisting of alumni, families, students and faculty of Rambam School gathered to honour and celebrate the teaching accomplishments of Chana Hayes, a teacher at Rambam School for over 28 years.

Hayes was one of this year's recipients of the 2005 Grinspoon-Steinhardt Awards for Excellence in Jewish Education.

Sixty-four distinguished teachers across North America have been awarded this prize this year, which recognized educators of excellence in Jewish studies.

In its first year of participating in this prestigious award program, two local teachers were selected – Chana Hayes and Devorah Teitelbaum. It is particularly noteworthy that Teitelbaum was once a student of Hayes, and to have both recognized was a fitting comment on Teitelbaum's impact as a teacher.

Mitchell Bellman, president of the Jewish Federation, presented the Grinspoon-Steinhardt award, explaining that this award honours all of our Jewish teachers. Bellman spoke of having exceptional teachers in Ottawa, and though *chinuch* (Jewish education) and Jewish teachers may have been traditionally undervalued, the Jewish community wants to reward and recognize excellence in this field.

All of the 2005 award winners were invited to an education and awards seminar at the UJC General Assembly in Toronto where their achievements were marked



Chana Hayes is presented with the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education by Mitchell Bellman (left) and Rabbi Yehoshua Botnick.

(OJB Photo: Aryeh Stegenga)

nationally, linking them and others in the field to a North American network of Jewish professionals and volunteer leadership.

Hayes accepted the award modestly and shared some of her teaching insights with the audience. Students, she explained, were like her children and a good teacher must find a way to match the students level, educating a child according to their needs.

It was a great honour, she said, to share the award with Devorah Teitelbaum, Rambam School, the Federation, the Ottawa Jewish community and especially her students.

Hayes thanked in particular Hashem, Rabbi Yehoshua Botnick, Rabbi Mordecai Berger and Chaya Leah Berger, Pauline Godbout, Randee Durocher and her husband, David.

It was announced at the ceremony that Hayes will become vice-principal of Judaica Studies at Rambam.



Ben Gurion Society meets

Photo (from left to right): Jenny Shinder, Riva Levitan, Allison Geffen, Michael Geist at the inaugural event of The Ben Gurion Society (BGS) wine and scotch tasting event held at the home of Richard and Michelle Sachs.

The Ben Gurion Society is an initiative of the United Jewish Communities designed to recognize those members of Young Adult Division (YAD) who make an annual household gift of \$1,000 or more to their campaign.

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"Bag Lady" author shares her pearls of wisdom

By Sharon Abron Drache

What prompted Pearl Greenberg to record her reflections and recollections for the past 85 years? She calls it "moving on!" For the answer to what, read her recently published book.

The facetious title is *Bag Lady*, because there are two ways that Greenberg could view her life's experiences – as accumulated burdensome baggage or sacks filled with successive pleasures and pains, from which she is continuously nurtured and enabled to grow spiritually.

With the latter as her chosen path, Greenberg divides her memoir into chapters

labelled as 11 different bags: cosmetic, travel, sports, gift, mail, *tallis zekel*, school, tote, leaf, scrap and carry-on.

And in a gesture, which fits the theme, "inspiring others," Greenberg insists on sharing the creator's spotlight with her illustrator, Mirhad Loncar, a 15-year-old new Canadian from Bosnia.

Each chapter begins with a whimsical black and white drawing. My favourite is the *tallis zekel*, which translates as "Prayer Shawl Bag." The Chagall-like in-flight pose of Greenberg sets up the reader for her spiritual offerings including a poem, *Tikkun Olam*, which she claims as

her mantra and a prose piece, which speaks to both the Jew and Buddhist in Greenberg's point of view.

The remaining 10 chapters are full of surprises, just like the author, who admits that after about five years she gets itchy with whatever she is doing and must move on.

Greenberg has worked on her strong social consciousness since childhood.

"My maternal grandmother, Sarah Futeral, was president of the Hebrew Free Loan Society in the 1920s. My mother, Anne Futeral, who settled in Ottawa in 1905 with her parents, later married my father, Lou Cohen.

"For years, she sewed clothes and dressed dolls for Hadassah. As a political activist, she supported and worked for David Lewis when he was a federal MP.

"My father owned a drug store at Rideau and Cumberland. He always had time for customers who sought his advice. He also wrote articles and was offered a reporter's



Pearl Greenberg

job at the *Winnipeg Free Press*. But my mother didn't want to leave Ottawa. Had we moved to Winnipeg, I'm sure my own life would have unfolded differently."

For 38 years, Pearl was married to Israel Greenberg, who, after his military service, went to work in her father's drug store and later at Health and Welfare.

Divorced in 1978, their five children are Sheila (deceased), Alan, Jan, Lisa and Ruth; and they have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In her memoir, Greenberg calls herself "Bubby Pearl," with a PhD degree she knows she has earned – all lower case letters, which stand for "philosophic housewife diletante."

Her humility is both gracious and sagacious. She

appears to know who she is and where she is at almost every moment and is a source of strength and inspiration to almost everyone she meets. How many of us can say the same?

Greenberg's long string of accomplishments began at the age of 13, when she developed a proficiency in speed skating and long distance swimming.

"In those days, the thing to do was to swim across the Ottawa River from Woodroffe to Deschenes – so I did it."

From 1978 to 1982, Greenberg chaired the Ottawa committee funded by TAP, the provincial Telephone Assurance Program. The outcome was *Teleshalom* for seniors in our Jewish community.

Since the 1980s, Green-

berg has been a persistent advocate for rent-geared-to-income housing in the Jewish community. And six years ago, Greenberg was one of the original members of Active Jewish Adults (AJA) 50+.

Another acronym that slips off her tongue is CSJO, the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, to which Greenberg is committed during the winter when she resides in Victoria, BC.

CSJO was founded in 1969 by Illinois Rabbi Sherwin Wine, and it is Greenberg's dream to start a CSJO chapter in Ottawa. Currently, she is looking for committed people to help carry the torch.

For 23 years, Greenberg has been an active member of an informal Torah study group that meets monthly in the homes of individual members. But she has also belonged to synagogues, most recently Temple Israel and the Reconstructionist Havurah. And she enjoys interfaith meetings, which encourage healthy dialogue.

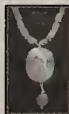
In order to live by her mantra of *Tikkun Olam*, Greenberg continuously moves on to new social and spiritual projects. Long distance swimming and speed skating are grand metaphors for her numerous accomplishments.

As for her book, it is full of pearls of wisdom, tucked neatly into 11 bags!

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Seniors connect to community

By Estelle Melzer

The room was full of people chatting, smiling and warmly greeting each other as registration began this fall for the fourth season of Creative Connections.

Creative Connections, which takes place every Tuesday at the SJCC, offers a full day of activities for the well elderly looking for social connection and intellectual stimulation. It is a joint program of Active Jewish Adults (AJA) 50+, which perceived the need for such a program within our senior community, and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Creative Connections, which has a capacity registration of 40 regulars this year, runs from 9:45 am to 2:15 pm, providing a varied program of social, physical and recreational activities.

Each morning begins with an optional session of gentle fitness. Those who prefer can attend the AJA 50+ Current Events Discussion Group.

Programs include speakers on health and a wide variety of other topics, Jewish holiday celebrations, games and contests and musical programs.

People eat lunch together, either bringing lunch or purchasing it in the café. Special lectures of interest on the AJA 50+ calendar often take place on Tuesdays to make it easier for members of Creative Connections to participate.

The group has a steering committee of participants chaired by Miriam Levitan. It also has support from volunteers and staff of AJA 50+ and the SJCC.



Participants in the Creative Connections program enjoy an end-of-season barbecue at the home of Miriam Levitan, June 2005. (Photo: Sol Gunner)

"It's a bit of a challenge to come up with new and interesting programs every week, but we are very fortunate in having great community resources," comments Estelle Gunner, who helps with the planning and co-ordination for the group.

Many people from the community volunteer their time as guest speakers or entertainers.

The biggest challenge facing the program is transportation. "It's a major issue for many of our participants," explains Gunner.

"We always need more volunteer drivers, particularly during the winter months and would appreciate any help we can get. This program is so important to people they want to come out in even our worst winter weather."

Gunner remembers the beginning days of Creative Connections when a roomful of strangers sat in awkward silence. Now, people greet each other warmly and take responsibility for making new people feel welcome.

The program has been a great way for newcomers to Ottawa to get connected and acquaintances to become

friends. It is also attracting some people living in non-Jewish retirement homes, providing them with that all-important Jewish connection.

Like all AJA 50+ programs, Creative Connections relies on volunteer power.

Participants pay a nominal registration fee and a small charge for transportation to cover costs.

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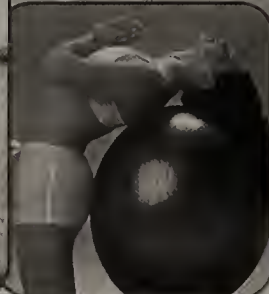
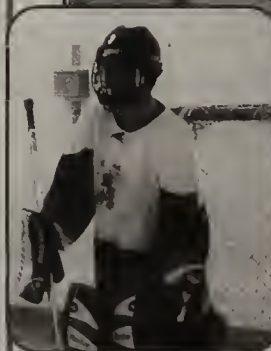
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An all-latke dinner

I have to admit that a sense of dread fills me each year when it comes time to write the Chanukah column.

I am a potato latke traditionalist and, over the years, have tried several dozen varieties and methods of preparing latkes. I found the perfect recipe nine years ago and since that

time I have made the same latkes every year.

While this makes for excellent eating, it is not exactly thrilling journalism to print the same recipe year after year. I've tried to create interesting variations, but, in the end, I realized that all anyone really wants to eat is the traditional potato latke.

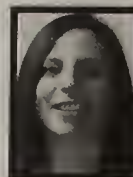
I recently discovered

eating latkes is not one of the mitzvot of Chanukah; that is, it is not a fundamental part of the Chanukah ritual and has no explicit religious significance.

That being said, Jews the world over find it appropriate to eat foods cooked in oil during the festival that celebrates the miracle of the Temple oil.

Potatoes were only dis-

covered in Peru in the 16th century. Prior to that time, other fried foods were made as Chanukah treats, mostly a dough or a batter of some sort that were sweetened with honey or sugar. I decided to take a cue from this and create a "dessert" latke. The resulting Apple Latkes were quickly gobbled up in our house.



Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

Compromise Latkes

Makes 14 latkes

This recipe is based on the Traditional Potato Latke recipe found in the November/December 1997 issue of *Cook's Magazine*.

- 2 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 1 medium onion, peeled and cut into 8 wedges
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons matzo meal
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- corn or other vegetable oil for frying

Grate potatoes in the food processor, using the grating disc. Place half the potatoes in a colander, set over a medium bowl, and set aside.

Replace grating disc with steel blade and add onion wedges to remaining grated potatoes in the food processor. Coarsely chop potatoes and onions until all pieces are about 1/8 inch in size. This should take about 6 one-second pulses.

Add chopped potatoes and onions to the shredded potatoes in the colander. Press potato mixture against sides of the colander to drain as much liquid as possible into the bowl below the colander. Let the potato liquid stand for about 2 minutes until the potato starch settles at the bottom of the bowl.

Pour off the liquid, but keep the starch in the bowl. This starch will help hold the latkes together.

Mix egg, matzo meal, potato mixture and salt into the starch in the bowl.

Set a 12-inch sauté pan over medium high heat, add 1/4 inch depth of oil and heat until oil is shimmering, but not smoking. Greasy latkes result from frying in oil that is not hot enough.

Measure out about 1/4 cup of potato mixture, squeeze out any excess liquid and place in hot oil, shaping into a 1/2 inch thick disc with a non stick spatula. Repeat until about 5 latkes are in the pan.

Fry until golden brown on the bottom and around the edges, about 3 minutes. Turn with spatula and fry the second side until brown, about 3 or 4 more minutes.

Drain on a brown paper bag set in a wire rack set over a cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining potato mixture, returning oil to correct temperature between each batch and replacing oil after every second batch.

Make ahead tips:

Do not transfer latkes to oven and hold them there as you are cooking the rest. The taste and texture really deteriorate. You are much better to let cooked latkes cool, then cover loosely with plastic wrap and sit at room temperature for up to 4 hours. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Transfer latkes to a heated cookie sheet and bake until crisp and hot, about 5 minutes per side.

You can also freeze cooled latkes on a cookie sheet. After about 2 hours, when latkes are firm, transfer to zip-lock bag and freeze for longer storage (up to one month). Bake in 375 degree oven, until crisp and hot, about 8 minutes per side.

Apple Latkes

Makes 10 latkes

- vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 Granny Smith apples, peeled
- 1 Macintosh apple, peeled
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup sugar

In a medium sized bowl, beat eggs until light and fluffy. Add sugar, salt, cinnamon and water and whisk until well blended.

Grate apples on the largest holes of a grater box, turning apple when you get

down to the core. Mix grated apple, flour and lemon zest into egg mixture.

Set a 12-inch sauté pan over medium high heat, add 1/4 inch depth of oil and heat until oil is shimmering but not smoking.

Measure out about 1/4 cup of apple mixture and place in hot oil, shaping into a 1/2 inch thick disc with a non-stick spatula. Repeat until about 5 latkes are in the pan.

Fry until golden brown on the bottom and around the edges, about 3 minutes. Turn with spatula and fry the second side until brown, about 3 or 4 more minutes. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining batter, adding more oil if necessary.

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Chanukah: celebrating the small but mighty

In recent years, the commercialization of religious holidays has been extended to Chanukah. According to secular hype, Chanukah is little more than the Jewish version of a "Festival of Lights." The more lights, decorations and gifts the merrier.

But you and I know better. We know that in its story of a small band of rebels led by the Maccabees defeating the much larger, professional Syrian-Greek forces and in its miracle of a small cruse of oil burning for eight days and nights, Chanukah commemorates yet another time when our ancestors succeeded in beating the odds physically and spiritually.

Small wonder, then, that the story line of many Chanukah picture books involves a size disparity. Who doesn't delight in variants of David vs Goliath victories?

When Mindy Saved Hanukkah
By Eric A. Kimmel

Pictures by Barbara McClintock
Scholastic Press 1998
Unpagged Ages 4 - 8

A good story is timeless. So is a good picture book. *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah* is a prime example. It is a delightful tongue-in-cheek adventure that pays homage to the Maccabees and to the many pint-sized heroes in Jewish Kid Lit.

The story starts with the premise of a miniature immigrant family named Klein (German for "little") who live behind the walls of the famed Eldridge Street Synagogue in New York City. Chanukah is fast approaching and the Kleins need wax to make Chanukah candles.

But, instead of coming home with one large candle to be melted down for smaller candles, Papa returns wounded and frightened. A giant Antiochus of a cat is ridding the synagogue of mice and making no distinction between mice and the Kleins.

Faced with the possibility of Chanukah without candles, daughter Mindy volunteers for the mission. Armed with a lucky stone, a bag of garlic, spells to ward off the evil eye and a grappling hook, Mindy eases into the synagogue.

The candle she is looking for is at the back of a high shelf in the ark. That means going through the sanctuary, climbing four stairs to the ark, opening the ark doors, more climbing to the shelf, finding the candle and returning home with it.

For a long time, all goes well. Suddenly Antiochus pounces, tearing Mindy's skirt. Just as he is about to pounce again, Zayde enters the fray. Like a Maccabee of old, he diverts Antiochus while Mindy escapes with the candle.

Another victory against the enemy, a gala Chanukah party with friends, and pictures that capture the elegance of the old synagogue, the bravery and humour of the story and the love of a traditional family for each other and for the holiday makes *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah* a read it again and again winner.

Dinosaur on Hanukkah
By Diane Levin Rauchwerger
Pictures by Jason Wolf
Kar-Ben Publishing 2005
Unpagged Ages 2 - 5

Young children seem to take to dinosaurs as readily and happily as they take to ice cream. So any book with a pic-



Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

ture of a dinosaur on its cover is sure to attract their attention. And that is exactly what *Dinosaur on Hanukkah* does.

Like *Cat In The Hat* by Dr. Seuss, *Dinosaur on Hanukkah* is a rhyming story of an animal, a humungous one in this case, who visits a little boy and causes havoc. That the dinosaur comes for Chanukah adds that extra bit of fun as it relates to holiday symbols. Or so we are to believe.

Unfortunately, I couldn't quite believe it because the resulting commotion is too weak. Not nearly enough mayhem or silliness. Some would say gentle rascally playfulness is fine for young children. I don't disagree. But then the rhyme should have been more creative and the pictures more outlandish.

Still, for young children enamoured of dinosaurs, *Dinosaur on Hanukkah* will likely be a welcome guest.

From my family to yours, we wish you a joyous Chanukah.



From *When Mindy Saved Hanukkah*



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Making cents out of OJCF

By Francine Greenspoon

It was created in 1974 and nearly 32 years later, the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) still has people confused.

I'd venture to say that only a small fraction of our Jewish community understands what OJCF is, and does. It's often confused with the Annual (UJA) Campaign and other communal fundraising endeavours.

Yet, isn't it interesting how something so vital to the survival and continuity of the Ottawa Jewish Community, is still so greatly misunderstood.

So when asked to write about OJCF and how it serves this community, I sat down with the Foundation's Executive Director, Jack Silverstein, its President, Gregory Sanders, and fund-holder Eddy Cook, and here's what I discovered.

What does the Foundation do?

JS - Our goal is to ensure that there is sufficient financial support for the continued development of a strong and vibrant Jewish community. In layman's terms, we are a vehicle for people to make a gift in perpetuity. Only the interest will be used in the allocations, so that the principal always remains. This way, the fund generates "new" interest each year. The fund-holder may designate the available interest each year to a registered charity of their choosing.

What motivated you to set up the Sandi and Eddy Cook Endowment Fund?

EC - You have many experiences throughout your life that leave impressions and affect how and what we do. For me it was my parents. Both were Holocaust survivors who lived through a great deal and lost family members. So continuity is important. It also struck me as quite fitting to come here today to discuss building a future through OJCF, since today is my mother's Yahrzeit.

Is there something you hope to accomplish with this fund either short term or long term?

EC - In the short term I'd like to see the fund support the agencies so that they don't have to have to worry about their day to day operation, and can get on with the business of serving the community better. I believe that if you invest in the Foundation it will strengthen the agencies.

What's the difference between a fund and a foundation?

GS - A fund is a component of the Foundation. The Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation has approximately 640 funds comprising the Foundation as a whole.



Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation fundholders Sandi and Eddy Cook

Each person who contributes to the Foundation has the right to establish a separate fund, to name that fund and to designate where the income earned by that fund is distributed on an annual basis.

JS - It's similar to the idea of a bank account vs. a bank. A fund is an account within the Foundation that can be named after you, a loved one, or someone/thing near and dear to you. Your fund is pooled together with hundreds of other funds and is invested to create the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation.

Why does designating interest from your fund appeal to you?

EC - I like the idea that you have an option to designate, but frankly with having more than 29 different agencies on board that cover all aspects of Jewish life in Ottawa, I prefer to allow the Foundation to designate on my behalf because as far as I'm concerned, they are all important and mean something to me.

Are there different types of funds?

GS - There are several different types of funds available. The most common fund is a named fund in which a person or family names a fund in memory of a loved one or in honour of their entire family. A separate deed of gift is established whereby the initial donor to the fund sets out the parameters of how the income from the fund will be disbursed and who to seek advice from in respect of future distributions of income.

A second type of fund is a fund named for a specific beneficiary agency, such as Hillel Lodge or Hillel Academy. These funds are established with the monies managed by

the Foundation with the commitment that the income from any monies donated to these funds from any source are given to the specified charity without change from year to year.

A third type of fund is a fund established for a designated purpose rather than for a specific agency. An example of this is the Gilbert Greenberg Education Fund which is established for the purposes of education in which the income earned by the fund is distributed to various local Jewish educational agencies.

JS - People can "feed" their funds (make further donations) by sending tribute cards, holiday cards, or simply making a donation.

Are there different types of planned giving?

JS - There are many inexpensive ways to support your fund. One of the easiest is leaving something in your estate to your fund. This is something that is quite often overlooked. If a fund holder decided to leave 5% of their estate to charity, I am hopeful that their children would be content with 95% of the estate. It also helps to reduce estate taxes. Another method is to take out a life insurance policy and name the Foundation as owner and beneficiary (or transfer an existing life insurance policy to the Foundation).

How much does it cost to open a fund? Is there a minimum amount required?

JS - For adults, the minimum donation is \$1,000 and for B'nai Mitzvah children, the minimum is \$250 (and these funds will be matched for up to \$1,000).

Have you thought about a provision in your will that directs money from your estate to charity?

EC - I have thought about it and when I next review my will, which I do every

five years, I will consider that question and undoubtedly put a provision in my will that directs money from my estate.

Tell me about the tax implications associated with a fund.

GS - Anyone who contributes to the Foundation receives a tax receipt in the year in which they make a contribution. An individual who has established an insurance policy and pays the annual premiums will also receive a tax receipt for the amount of the premiums paid. The income earned in a fund is free of tax and the distributions by a fund to registered charities also does not attract any tax consequences. There are special rules for people who donate publicly traded securities that create tax advantaged situations as well as donations that can achieve various tax advantages depending on the needs of a donor.

Have you involved your children in this process yet?

EC - I have involved my children in the process through discussions about why the foundation is so intrinsic to the survival of the community. I don't tell them that they should be involved because I'm involved.

What does "Legacy" mean to you?

EC - To me "Legacy" is not what you leave in death, but what you do in life."

OJCF has grown to be an essential funding source for our community, now and in the future. Join the Foundation and "believe" in your community and its Jewish heritage. Help perpetuate your commitment beyond your lifetime. Through the Foundation, your gift will go on giving, and your name will be forever woven into the tapestry of this community and preserved in perpetuity.

- It costs as little as \$1,000 (\$250 for teens)
- A variety of funds and planned giving options will benefit you and your community
- "YOU" get to designate where your money goes
- All donations are tax-receiptable
- The principal from your fund ensures the Ottawa Jewish community will continue to thrive and remain strong and vibrant for generations to come!

To establish a fund or for more information please contact Francine Paulin at 798-4696, ext. 252 or fpaulin@jewishottawa.com.

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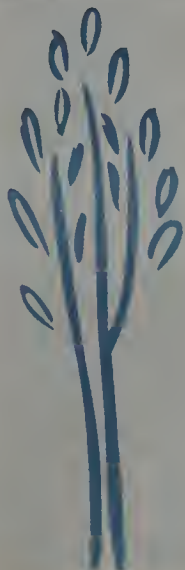
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8th Annual Ron Kolbus Memorial Charity Golf Tournament raises \$105,000 in support of local charities

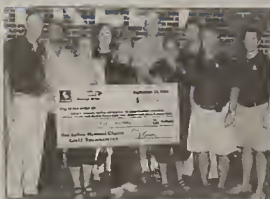
Two hundred enthusiastic golfers showed their support for local charities in the Commvoco Levinson-Viner Group and Velocity Media's 8th annual Ron Kolbus Memorial Charity Golf Tournament held at the Manderley on the Green golf, on September 13th, 2005.

What a day and what a success!

This year, the Tournament raised a grand total of \$105,000 dollars, an increase of \$12,500 dollars from last year's tournament, bringing the overall total raised by this event since it began to \$325,000.

"We're extremely thankful to be doing this annually. This community has been good to us and we enjoy giving back to it. We believe that good corporate citizenship goes further than the boardroom. We have a responsibility to better the communities we work and live in," says Mike McGahan, Velocity Media General Manager and President of CLV Group.

When the tournament first began in 1998, it supported three local charities. Today nine charitable organizations, including the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF), benefit from the monies raised from this tournament.



Jacie Levinson and Mike McCann (far left) and Mike McGahan and Oz Drewniak (far right) of CLV Group, with various recipient agency representatives.

This year OJCF will receive \$10K, bringing its overall total from this successful event to \$67,000. Other organizations that are helped include the Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, Old Forge Community Resource Centre, Youth Services Bureau, Snowsuit Fund, Easter Seals Foundation, the Kidney Research Centre and the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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- Winter months cause our volunteer numbers to decline. Koshers Meals on Wheels drivers need to be replaced. Please call to find out how you can help.

- **Do you speak Slovak?** A very special request for a senior who lives in Aylmer. She would love to be able to chat with someone in her own language. Enjoys art. Mobility is a problem, so a home visit would be preferable.

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- **Alta Vista senior** interested in garden walks, visits to the library or a drink out every now and then. He was a horticulturist by profession. Want to increase your knowledge of plants?

- **Middle-aged west end (visually impaired) gentleman** is looking for someone who can share his love for walking on a weekly basis. Good way to increase your exercise.

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- **We have a gentlemen in need of company on a regular basis ...** If you have some time to make a new friend ... please call today!

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The Travel Book:

A Journey Through Every Country in the World
Lonely Planet Publications/Raincoast Books
(Large-format) Softcover, 2005

For those of us who can only dream about travelling the world, this book will fuel those dreams. It will tantalize those of us who can actually travel to places exotic and distant. And for those of us who just enjoy looking at beautiful pictures, this book is eye-candy.

With *National Geographic*-style photos, every country in the world is presented in a two-page spread with the pictures taking up most of the white space. The spirit of each place is evoked through "impressions," by suggestions of what to do there, the best time of year to visit, suggested reading or listening material to get you in the mood, what to eat and drink there, what surprises you're likely to find (or surprising facts you may not have known).

In the "Israel" section, for example, Amos Oz's books are suggested as reading material, the "trademarks" include Shimon Peres and the Star of David, a couple of "essential experiences" are "being dazzled by the golden view of Jerusalem's old city at dawn" and "escaping to the Hula Valley & Nature Reserve ... with [its] unique wetlands and wildlife." The picture of the sunset over the Dead Sea is almost worth the cost of the book.

Bar Mitzvah Disco:

The Music May Have Stopped
But the Party's Never Over

By Roger Bennett, Jules Shell, and Nick Kroll
Crown Publishers/Random House of Canada
Hardcover, 2005

It's wild, it's irreverent and it's outrageous. But it's also very funny. *Bar Mitzvah Disco* is a scrapbook of colour photos and reminiscences of kids who came of age in the late seventies, eighties, and early nineties.

From the themed parties and party affairs (and fare) to the sign-in posters and blockbuster signage, the book is a photo album and commentary of the materialistic excesses of our boomer generation.

Jamie Glassman (1/28/84) on clothes: "I chose a suit cut like one of the ex-presidents of my synagogue ... My dad gave me his late mother's watch for the day ... I wore it across the belly. I was 13 going on 75."

Jill Barnett (5/2/87) on hair: "I was a giant pair of lips attached to gangly legs, topped off by my huge, naturally curly hair, with an enormous bow. I looked like a Q-tip. As a public service, my parents should have kept me indoors."

Andrew Goldberg (3/7/91) on hisuteness: "My father decided that a 13-year-old boy shouldn't have facial hair when he becomes a man. He made my mother wax my upper lip. Certain parts of the mustache never grew back. I know my father meant well, but waxing is not appropriate for young men, unless they live in certain parts of South Beach."



The Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

Don't expect any spiritual rights-of-passage here. This book is a comic routine. Teenagers will really get a kick out of it, but so might their parents and grandparents.

Twerski on Chumash

By Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, M.D.
Sharr Press/Mesorah Publications
(Large-format) Hardcover, 2003

Rabbi Abraham Twerski is like a trusted friend; you go to him for solace. And guidance. With books like *Living Each Day*, *The Spiritual Self*, and *That's Not A Fault ... It's A Character Trait* – just three of the over 40 titles the prolific psychiatrist/author has written – Rabbi Twerski understands human nature well and brings his keen insight, mixed with compassion, to all of his books, this one included.

The Torah instructs us on how we are to live our lives. Within its lines can be found the ways in which we can each refine our *middot*, or character traits.

The founder and medical director Emeritus of Gateway Rehabilitation Center (a non-profit drug and alcohol treatment facility in Pennsylvania) takes us from *Bereishit* (Genesis) through to *Devarim* (Deuteronomy), elucidating on some of the teachings in his warmly conversational style.

The book is both heavy in spiritual meaning and physical weight; you'll need a strong coffee table for this one.

Book Notes: Robert Zimmerman, a.k.a. Bob Dylan, never wanted to be a symbol of any generation. As if he'd had a choice. In his new memoir, *Chronicles: Volume One* (Simon & Schuster, Hardcover, 2004), he writes about how he hated being called the voice of a generation. "All I'd ever done was sing songs that were dead straight and expressed powerful new realities."

He writes how that pressure made it harder for him to be a songwriter, how having kids changed his life and family became the most important thing, how he never thought his songs were as good as his fans did. This isn't a linear, chronological memoir and sometimes makes for confusing reading as Dylan flips back and forth through time. (When he talks about his wife in two different sections of the book, he fails to clarify which one it is.) But it's also pure Dylan, the lyricist and the straight shooter.

At the Greenberg Families Library:

On Sunday, January 22 at 2 pm, The Ottawa Jewish Film Society features the 90-minute film, *Nemt*, about the universality of Yiddish culture and the place of Yiddish in today's world. Open to all SJCC and Library members with presentation of a card.

Freelance writer and *Book Beat* columnist Kinneret Globerman continues with the Library's Book Discussion series in March with Philip Roth's newest book, *The Plot Against America*. Free for members of the Library; \$5 for non-members.

For information on any of these programs, please call the Library (798-9818, ext. 245).



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Marshall McLuhan's tailor philosophizes

For many years, my father was the tailor of Marshall McLuhan, the television and media guru. Over the years, I got to hear a number of their conversations.

The first time, I was 17 years old and my father introduced me in his thick Yiddish accent.

"Mistah McLuhan, dis i' my son, Rubin. Rubin is a very good student 'n he gonna go to university. Rubin, say hello to da professoh."

I shook hands with McLuhan with a very red face, mumbled something and snuck away although McLuhan himself was quite polite and kind.

Later, I overheard them discuss the price for putting patches on McLuhan's frayed jacket elbows.

"How much will this be to patch?" he asked.

Dad smiled, "Don worry, it wouldn't be a pound of meat." McLuhan seemed somewhat taken aback.

"Do you know that sounds like Shakespeare?"

"Of cohshe. I read it Shakespeah, ven he vas a little boy." He laughed seeing the expression on McLuhan's face.

"No, No, I make it a joke, Mistah McLuhan. I read it Shakespeah in Yiddish."

On another occasion, my father philosophized, "You know Mistah McLuhan, vot I tink is dis. A man is vot he does, yes. So sees the world. But I am a tailor. So I say, more that vot a man does, a man is his clothes. A man is vot he veahs. A man is his clothes. And his clothes is him."

"You ah a professoh. Dis I c'n see. I am a tailoh. Dis you



**Humour me,
please**

Rubin Friedman

c'n see. So it's like dis. Vot you veah is vot people see. And dis how dey know. A man is his clothes and his clothes is him."

As he said this, the ashes at the end of his cigarette dropped on his sweater and he brushed them off.

"And evybody ken see you and me, ve smokehs, Mr. McLuhan, ve smokehs," he smiled as he handed the professor his repaired jacket.

"That's interesting," McLuhan said as he puffed on his pipe, "but what do I know of you, of what you have seen or lived through? How can I understand all of you?"

"I gonna tell you. Dis i not important, Mistah McLuhan. Dis i not possible, anyvays. You neveh know evyting. You look'n see. You see me. You see my clothes. Dis you know. So you know me. Mistah McLuhan, dis coat vas good, yes?"

"Yes."

"So come back."

The last time, I saw McLuhan, he brought in his wife and children. My mother took the measurements of Mrs. McLuhan and the girls. My father took the measurements of Mr. McLuhan and the boys.

McLuhan commented to him on this strict separation of the sexes.

"Mistah McLuhan, my wife, she is embarrassed to take a man's measurements. It can heppen funny tings too," he lowered his voice confidentially.

"Yestaday, came in a man in de mohning, vat he vanted a peh pents. So I take him de measurements and he pick the material and ve say he should come beck in a few weeks."

"In de afternoon comes in a voman, she vould like it a dress. So my vife goes in de fitting room to take the measurements. In a minute, she comes out, de face is red, she looks at me and says, 'so kviet, dis is a men!' I go in and look and it is de same man vat he vas dere in de morning, only dressed like a lady. I take de measurements and ve say she should come beck in a few weeks."

"You weren't shocked? Didn't you throw him out?" McLuhan asked.

"Vat feh? Dis vay ve make it double business," my father explained and smiled. "Clothes is de men 'n de voman too. Is anyvays de same person."

McLuhan furrowed his brow and puffed thoughtfully on his pipe.

Lighting candles central symbol of Chanukah

The Chanukah lights are the central symbol of Chanukah. The little eight-branched chanukiah – commonly called a menorah, in remembrance of the much larger seven-branched lamp-stands in the Temple – is a familiar focus of household ritual on this festival.

Originally, this was an eight-branched version of household oil lamps found throughout the ancient world. Nowadays, the mitzvah of lighting the lamp is commonly observed by lighting candles on each of the eight nights.

Evolving traditions

The tradition behind the candles – the small amount of ritually pure oil that miraculously lasted for the eight days of rededication of the Temple by the Maccabee freedom fighters – is a tale that is part of our binding tradition, passed on from generation to generation.

The story of the miracle of the oil does not appear in the earliest histories of the Maccabean victory over the Syrians and their collaborators. Rather, it emerges in rabbinic times, when the traditions and observance of Chanukah as a religious festival were still being shaped.

For example, Shamaï and Hillel debated the sequence for lighting the Chanukah lights. Shamaï, using as precedent the diminishing number of daily Temple sacrifices from the first to the last day of Succot, argued for displaying all eight lights on the first night of Chanukah, diminishing to one light on the last night.

Hillel argued that the glory of the miracle should be magnified by starting with a single light and ending with all eight lights. Because he emphasized increasing the mitzvot of candle lighting, Hillel's view became the tradition.

Thorough guides to Chanukah traditions and observance are available at the Orthodox Union's (OU) Chanukah site (see particularly their section on candle lighting) and Chabad's. A class handout prepared by Prof. Vanessa Ochs of the University of Virginia's Jewish Studies Program discusses evolving traditions. For families with children or grandchildren check out the Chanukah pages at Torah Tots.

Lights in the home and the role of women

Prof. Ochs's site begins by mentioning the Talmudic and Kabbalistic lore of the significance of light. Seven great



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manifestations of light are listed in Talmud, beginning with the creation of the world starting with the evening light and ending in the seven-fold blaze of sunlight that will herald the coming of the Messianic age.

The lighting of candles in our homes is beautiful symbolic reaffirmation of commitment to Judaism and a rededication of our home as a place of peace and boliness. In this respect, the lighting of the candles at Chanukah – aside from remembering the liberation and Temple rededication by the Maccabees – echoes the lighting of Shabbat candles every week.

Chanukah is a good time to remember the role of women in maintaining Jewish continuity and in nourishing both the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

The Chanukah handout includes a list that Rabbi Leah Novick compiled of great women, the "peaceful Maccabees" who contributed to the survival and growth of Judaism. She provides capsule notes on each woman, starting with the Maccabean Queen Salome, protector of the early rabbis, who worked with them to establish a program of common education that helped ensured the survival of Judaism.

Rabbi Novick suggests that we honour such women by telling their stories at this time. Perhaps those who are attracted to this practice might want to include stories about their mothers and grandmothers, or others in their family, honouring their memories and examples so as to establish an ongoing family tradition.

The physics and symbolism of light

Simon Jacobson's essay, "The Physics of Chanukah: On the Nature of Light" relates Kabbalah to the centrality of

light (broadly, the electro-magnetic spectrum — the most non-materialistic of material forces) in modern physics. God is the creative force in Judaism — humans produce or extrapolate, discover and apply what is available in nature, but do not create.

In our various rituals involving lighting candles, we recall the original creation and the primordial light. Symbolically, Chanukah unites the two aspect of Jewish continuity. There is an imperative to maintain and extend Jewish survival and development. And such continuity is symbolic of the way in which life itself is given meaning through our beliefs and traditions and is made tangible through the lighting of candles on Shabbat, holidays and Chanukah.

May you and yours enjoy and be strengthened by this beautiful mitzvah.

Websites

Orthodox Union (OU): <http://www.ou.org/chagim/chanukah/default.htm>

Chabad: <http://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/default.asp>

U. of Virginia: <http://www.virginia.edu/jewishstudies/images/Chanukah.htm>

Torah Tots: <http://www.torah tots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanuk.htm>

Physics of Chanukah: http://www.meaningfulhfc.com/torah/holidays/3c/The_Physics_of_ChanukahCOLON_On_the_Nature_of_Light.php

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MONDAY
DECEMBER 12
Soloway Jewish Community
Centre, Hillel Academy PD Day,
2:00 pm.



CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Dec 16 ☆ 4:03 pm
Dec 23 ☆ 4:06 pm
Dec 30 ☆ 4:11 pm
Jan 6 ☆ 4:18 pm
Jan 13 ☆ 4:26 pm
Jan 20 ☆ 4:35 pm

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 14
The Ottawa Jewish Community
Foundation presents "Leaving
Your Legacy" with guest
speaker Carol Kassel, vice-president
UJA Federation of Greater
Toronto, 7:00 pm.

Mother and Daughter Israeli
Dancing (Women Only), Congregation
Machzikei Hadas, 2310
Virginia Drive, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 16
JETSETTERS Friday Night
Dinner, home of the Shofan family.

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 17
Soloway Jewish Community
Centre Summer Camps Reunion,
Cosmic Adventures, 1373 Ogilvie
Road, 6:00 pm.
JETSETTERS, Lalkes, Wine
and Cheese, home of Sharon
Frenkel, pre-registration is required.

Melave Malka for girls and
women, Beth Shalom West Synagogue,
15 Chartwell Ave., 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 18
JET and Soloway Jewish
Community Centre Chanukah
Spirit, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.
Hillel Lodge Auxiliary
Chanukah Party with a Touch of
Klez, Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadoiny
Sachs Private, 2:00 - 4:00 pm,
lalkes, dreidels, free admission.
Jewish Singles 40+ Chanukah
Party featuring Klezmer entertainment
and potluck dinner (with
latkes), 798-9818, ext. 254 for more
information.

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 27
OTC Chanukah night out for
adults. Film screening, "Advice
and Dissent," sushi bar and dreidel
playing with dreidel chips,
OTC, 323 Cedarview Rd., Barrhaven,
7:30 pm. Reserve: 823-0866.

TUESDAY - FRIDAY
DECEMBER 27-30
SJCC, Winter Camp Wonderland,
8:30 am.

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 28
OTC end Chabad of Centrepointe
Chanukah Magic annual
menorah lighting and family celebration,
Ben Franklin Place, 101
Centrepointe Drive, 6:00 p.m. Free
admission.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 11
Mother and Daughter Israeli
Dancing (Women Only), Congregation
Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia
Drive, 7:00 pm.

FRIDAY
JANUARY 13
Canadian Jewish Law
Students Association (CJLSA),
19th Annual Convention, Fairmont
Chateau Laurier Hotel, (January
13 - 15).

SATURDAY
JANUARY 14
TSO violinist Arkady Yenivker
concert, Agudath Israel Congregation,
1400 Coldrey Ave., 8:00 pm.
Tickets: 888-222-6608.

MONDAY
JANUARY 16
Embassy of Israel, and the
Embassy of Turkey present the
film "Desperate Hours," Library
and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington
St., 7:00 pm. Admission free.

TUESDAY
JANUARY 17
Malca Pass Library Book Discussion
Group, "Gilead" by Marilynne
Robinson, Reviewer: Rev. Tom
Sherwood, Agudath Israel
Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave.,
7:30 pm.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 18
Mother and Daughter Israeli
Dancing (Women Only), Congregation
Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia
Drive, 7:00 pm.

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Drive, 7:00 pm.
Potlucks for Peace III, "The
Shape of the Future," Library and
Archives Canada auditorium, 395
Wellington St., 7:00 pm. Admission
free.

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 18-26
Theatre Ashbury, "And Then
They Came For Me: Remembering
the World of Anne Frank," 362
Mariposa Avenue, 8:00 pm. Ticket
info: 521-3616.

SUNDAY
JANUARY 22
Jewish National Fund, Tu
B'Shevat Telethon, Ron Engineering,
1801 Woodward Drive, 9:00
am.
Ottawa Jewish Film Society,
"Neml," 2:00 pm.
Temple Israel concert, "Seven
on a Sunday," National Library and
Archives, 395 Wellington St., 2:30
pm. Tickets: 224-1802.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadoiny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa Inc. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by Brenda Schaler, calendar coordinator at 798-9818 ext. 265. We have voice mail. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public. You may fax to 798-9839 or email to bschaler@jccottawa.com.



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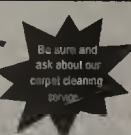
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